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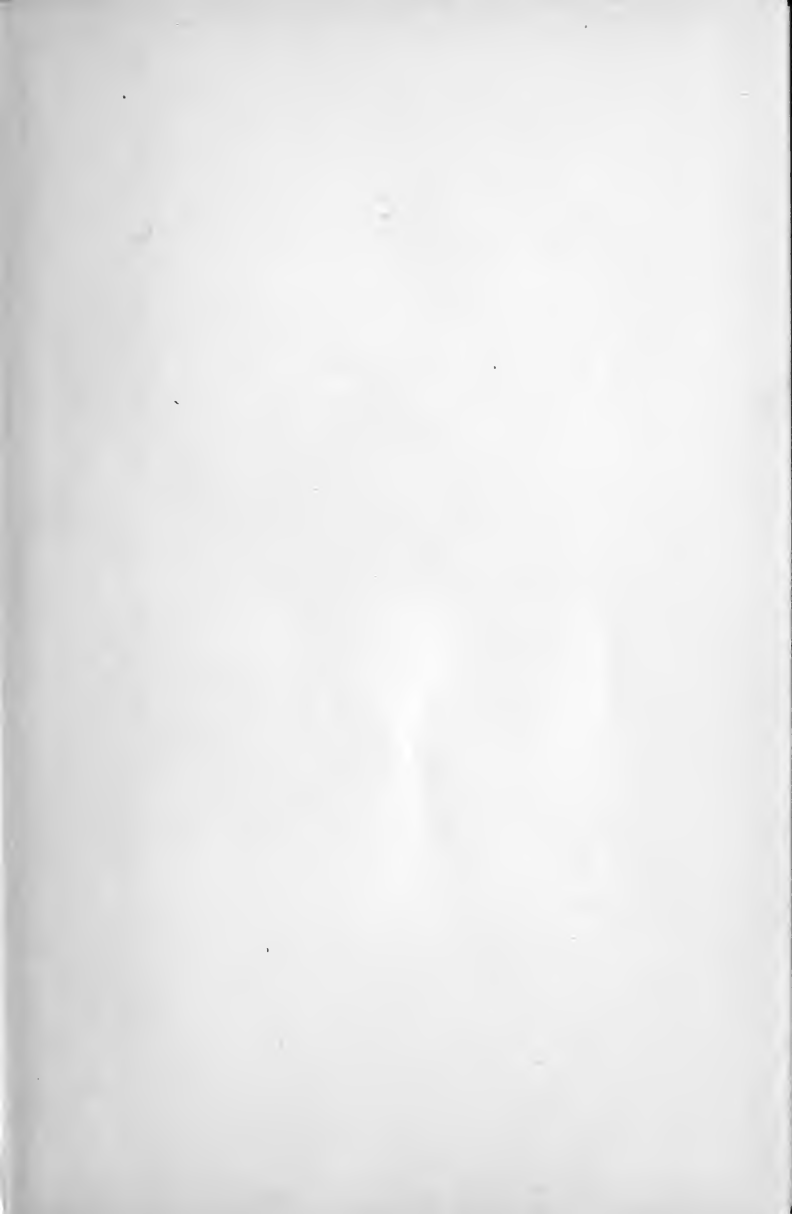


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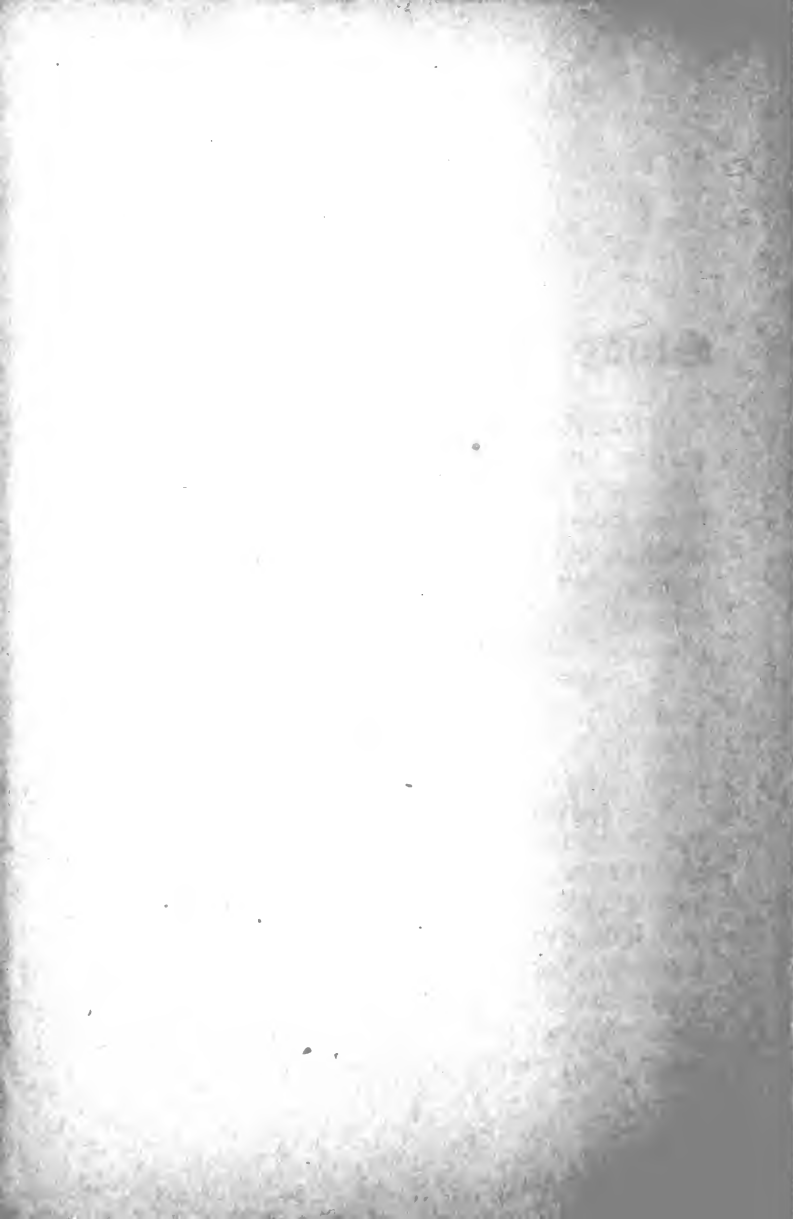
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Study of the Scriptures

Delectable indeed are the meadow and the garden, but far more delectable the study of the divine writings. For there indeed are flowers that fade, but here are thoughts which abide in full bloom; there is the breath of the zephyr, but here the breath of the Spirit; there is the hedge of thorns, but here is the guarding providence of God; there is the song of cicadæ, but here the melody of the prophets; there is the pleasure which comes from sight, but here the profit which comes from study.

The garden is confined to one place, but the Scriptures are in all parts of the world; the garden is subject to the necessities of the seasons, but the Scriptures are rich in foliage, and laden with fruit alike in winter and in summer. Let us then give diligent heed to the study of the Scriptures; for if thou dost this the Scriptures will expel thy despondency and engender pleasure, extirpate vice and make

virtue take root, and in the tumult of life it will save thee from suffering like those who are tossed by troubled waters. The sea rages, but thou sailest on with calm weather; for thou hast the study of the Scriptures for thy pilot; for this is the cable which the trials of life do not break asunder.

CHRYSOSTOM.

Foreword

This little collection of Scripture verses illustrating the relation of the Heavenly Father to his Earthly Child is dedicated to those who suffer and would be strong. It owes its origin to a long experience of pain and suffering. During a recent severe illness the writer found her chief comfort in the helpful and beautiful admonitions and promises of the Bible, with which her early training in a Christian home had stored her mind. Now that health is in part restored, she desires to share this comfort with others.

Some one has finely said that in facing the inevitable we face what is sacred. We sound the depths of sorrow, and we find in the darkness a well of holy joy; we submit to the discipline of suffering, and we feel beneath us the Everlasting Arms. Sickness thus teaches us many a lesson which we could learn in no other way. In time we come to feel that it has been good for us to have been afflicted, because we have realized anew our depend-

ence as children upon our Father in heaven, and have learned that nothing which concerns us is too small for his notice, and that no evil which assails us is beyond his control.

How often in monotony and loneliness has the verse, "No chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous; nevertheless afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby," brought back into life a sense of purpose and meaning. In suffering the words rise naturally to our lips: "I poured out my complaint before Him; I showed before him my trouble." We cry with the Psalmist: "My groaning is not hid from thee," or with St. Paul: "We in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened." How sweet it is to know that long ago other weary souls had their experience of consolation: "Return unto thy rest, O my soul, for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee;" "I was brought low and He helped me."

The greatness of our need lends new meaning to such terms as "supplication." When we have struggled to conform our petitions to the ideal of the apostle, "In everything by prayer and supplication, with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known unto God," we find ourselves soothed and comforted by

the promise of peace which follows the command: "And the peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus." When He holds our eyes waking so that we cannot sleep, we recall the verse, "Wearisome nights are appointed me," and find help in the words "appointed me." Often to a mind stored with Scripture sentences one verse will follow another in beautiful sequence: "Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest." "This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the weary to rest, and this is the refreshing."

But what of those minds that are not thus stored? Are the children of the present day taught as were those of a past generation to commit to memory passages of Scripture which will stand them in good stead in later life?

Let us, then, consider the work of teaching our children to know and love the Bible, no small or unimportant part of our responsibility as parents. They will understand and value our efforts when in after days of discouragement or weariness or of pain they find themselves able to draw strength and comfort from this record of the noblest thoughts and emotions of mankind.

No better witness to the value of an early familiarity with the Bible can be found than John Ruskin, who, in describing the formative influences which surrounded his youth, writes as follows of his training in the knowledge of the Scriptures:

"I have with deep gratitude to chronicle what I owe to my mother for the resolutely consistent lessons which so exercised me in the Scriptures as to make every word of them familiar to my ear in habitual music, yet in that familiarity revered, as transcending all thought and ordaining all conduct.*

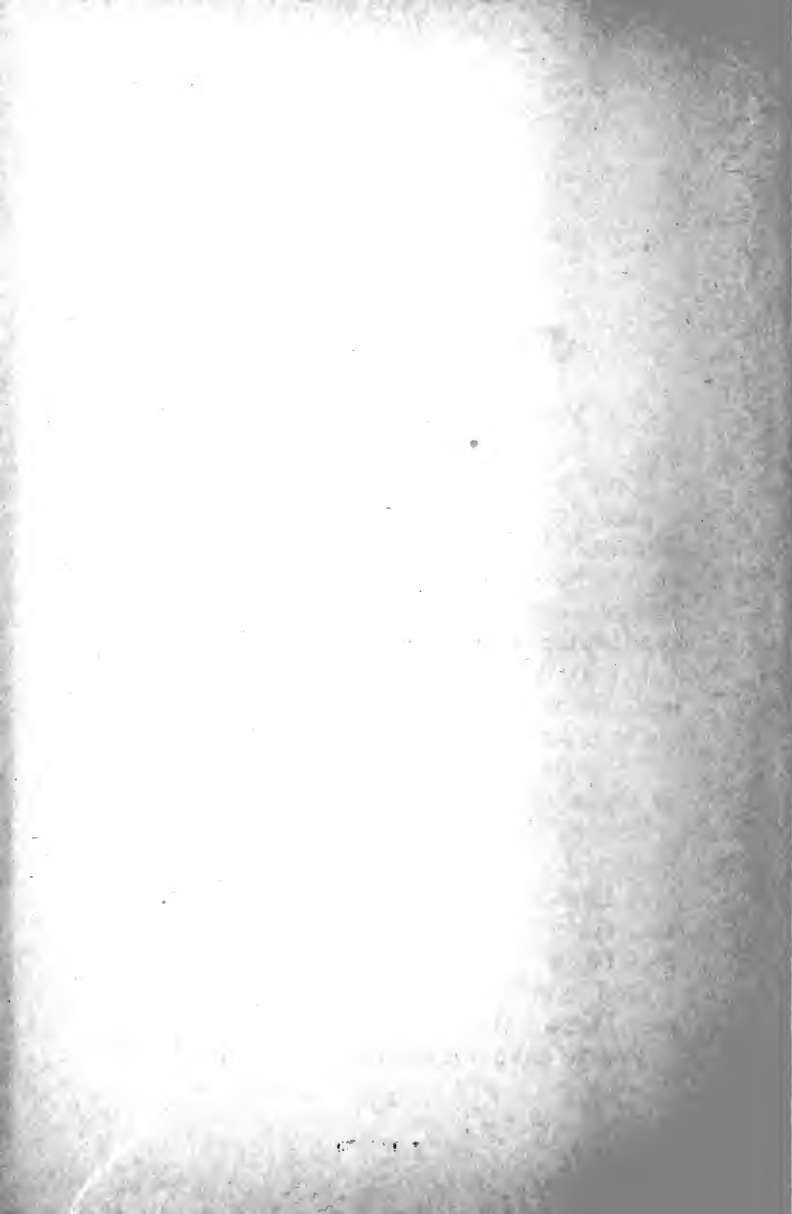
"Once knowing the 32nd of Deuteronomy, the 119th Psalm, the 15th of First Corinthians, the Sermon on the Mount, and most of the Apocalypse, every syllable by heart, and having always a way of thinking with myself what words meant, it was impossible for me, even in the foolishhest time of youth, to write entirely superficial or formal English."**

M. E. B.

*Ruskin's "Præterita," Chapter II.

**Ruskin's "Præterita," Chapter I.

God Our Father



God Our Father

Our Father which art in heaven.—Matt. 6:9.

Have we not all one Father?—Mal. 2:10.

Doubtless thou art our Father, though Abraham be ignorant of us, and Israel acknowledge us not; thou, O Lord, art our Father, our Redeemer; thy name is from everlasting.—Isa. 63:16.

Is not He thy Father that hath bought thee? hath He not made thee and established thee?—Deut. 32:6.

Thou art my Father, my God, and the Rock of my salvation.—Psa. 89:26.

Blessed be thou, Lord God of Israel our Father, for ever and ever.—1 Chron. 29:10.

A Father of the fatherless, and a Judge of the widows, is God in his holy habitation.—Psa. 68:5.

God, even our Father, which hath loved us.—2 Thess. 2:16.

For ye have not received the spirit of bond-

age again to fear; but ye have received the Spirit of adoption, whereby we cry, Abba, Father.—Rom. 8:15.

The Father of mercies and the God of all comfort.—2 Cor. 1:3.

I will receive you, and will be a Father unto you.—2 Cor. 6:17, 18.

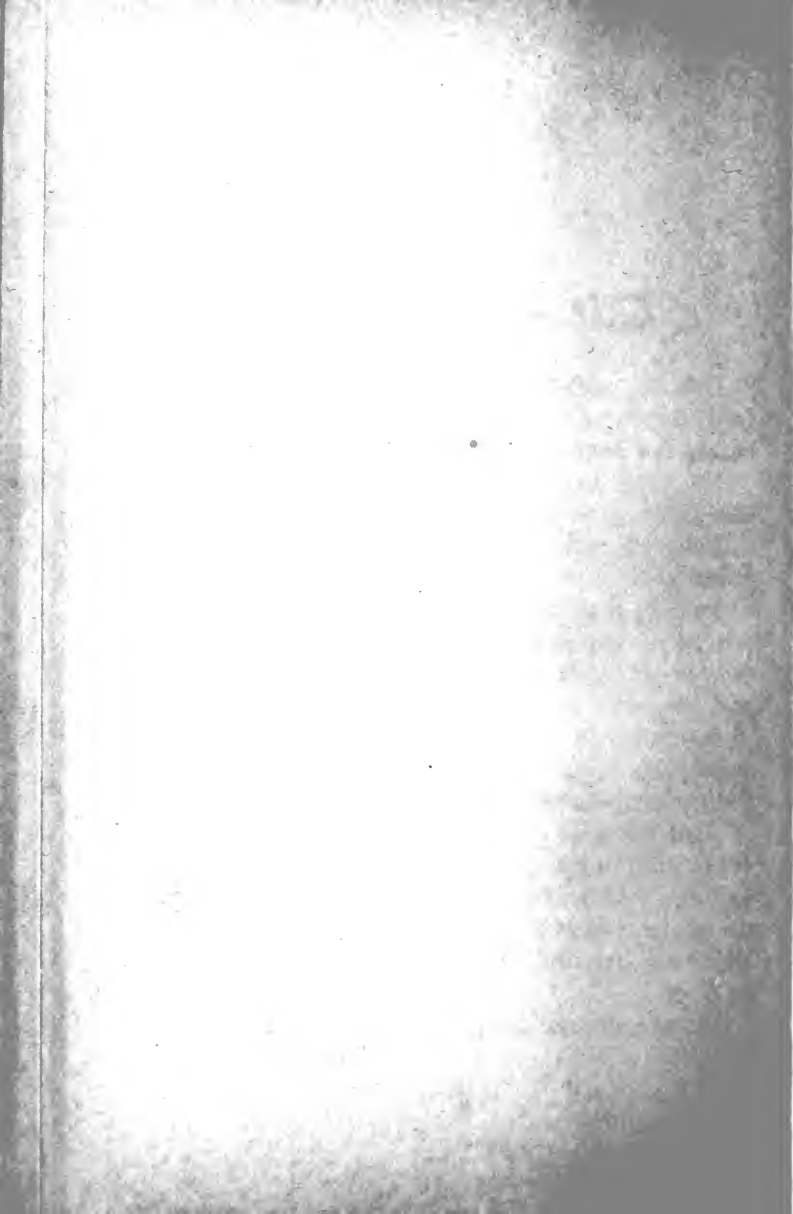
I will be his Father, and he shall be my son.—2 Sam. 7:14.

To us there is but one God, the Father.—1 Cor. 8:6.

One God and Father of all, who is above all, and through all, and in you all.—Eph. 4:6.

I ascend unto my Father and your Father, and to my God and your God.—John 20:17.

We His Children



We His Children

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.—1 John 3:1.

Ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty.—2 Cor. 6:18.

Beloved, now are we the sons of God.—1 John 3:2.

And it shall come to pass that in the place where it was said unto them, Ye are not my people, there it shall be said unto them, Ye are the sons of the living God.—Hosea 1:10.

As many as received Him, to them gave He power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name.—John 1:12.

And because ye are sons, God hath sent forth the Spirit of his Son into your hearts, crying, Abba, Father. Wherefore thou art no more a servant, but a son; and if a son, then an heir of God through Christ.—Gal. 4:6, 7.

Ye are the children of the Lord your God.
—Deut. 14:1.

If children, then heirs: heirs of God, and joint heirs with Christ.—Rom. 8:17.

Having predestinated us unto the adoption of children by Jesus Christ to himself, according to the good pleasure of his will.—

Eph. 1:5.

For ye are all the children of God by faith in Christ Jesus.—Gal. 3:26.

The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit that we are the children of God.—Rom. 8:16.

Love ye your enemies, and do good, and lend, hoping for nothing again; and your reward shall be great, and ye shall be the children of the Highest: for He is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil.—Luke 6:35.

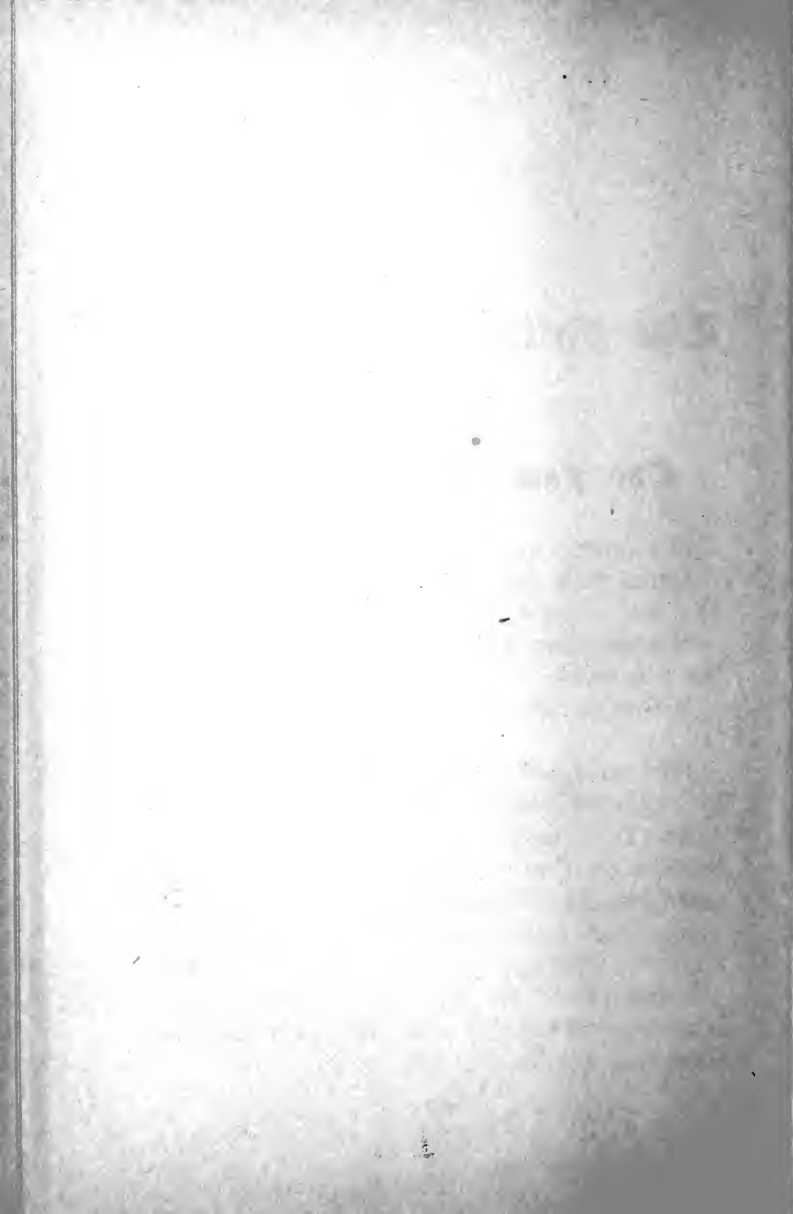
For both He that sanctifieth and they who are sanctified are all of one: for which cause He is not ashamed to call them brethren.—

Heb. 2:11.

For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother and sister and mother.—Matt. 12:50.

Be ye therefore followers of God, as dear children.—Eph. 5:1.

**The Father and
His Child**



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The Father's Understanding

His understanding is infinite.—Psa. 147:5.

Lord, thou knowest all things.—John 21:

17.

Known unto God are all his works from the beginning of the world.—Acts 15:18.

Before I formed thee . . . I knew thee.—

Jer. 1:5.

For the Lord is a God of knowledge, and by him actions are weighed.—1 Sam. 2:3.

The Lord seeth not as man seeth; for man looketh on the outward appearance, but the Lord looketh on the heart.—1 Sam. 16:7.

For the Lord knoweth the way of the righteous. Psa. 1:6.

Nevertheless the foundation of God standeth sure, having this seal, The Lord knoweth them that are his.—2 Tim. 2:19.

For thou hast considered my trouble, thou hast known my soul in adversities. *Psa.* 31:7.

For your Father knoweth what things ye have need of before ye ask Him.—*Matt.* 6:8.

Psalm 139.

O Lord, thou hast searched me and known me.

Thou knowest my downsitting and mine uprising; thou understandest my thought afar off.

Thou compassest my path and my lying down, and art acquainted with all my ways.

For there is not a word in my tongue, but, lo, O Lord, thou knowest it altogether.

Thou hast beset me behind and before, and laid thine hand upon me.

Such knowledge is too wonderful for me; it is high, I cannot attain unto it.

Whither shall I go from thy Spirit or whither shall I flee from thy presence?

If I ascend up into heaven, thou art there: if I make my bed in hell, behold, thou art there.

If I take the wings of the morning, and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea;

Even there shall thy hand lead me, and thy right hand shall hold me.

If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me; even the night shall be light about me.

Yea, the darkness hideth not from thee; but the night shineth as the day: the darkness and the light are both alike to thee.

For thou hast possessed my reins: thou hast covered me in my mother's womb.

I will praise thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.

My substance was not hid from thee, when I was made in secret, and curiously wrought in the lowest parts of the earth.

Thine eyes did see my substance, yet being unperfect; and in thy book all my members were written, which in continuance were fashioned, when as yet there was none of them.

How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!

If I should count them, they are more in number than the sand: when I awake, I am still with thee.

Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts.

And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.

The Father's Power

God hath spoken once; twice have I heard this; that power belongeth unto God.—Psa. 62: 11.

Thine, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty: for all that is in the heaven and in the earth is thine; thine is the kingdom, O Lord, and Thou art exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come of Thee, and Thou reignest over all; and in thine hand is power and might; and in thine hand it is to make great and to give strength unto all.—I Chron. 29: 11, 12.

Jesus beheld them, and said unto them, With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible.—Matt. 19: 26.

The God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation: that ye may know . . . what is the exceeding greatness of his power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power, which he wrought in Christ, when he raised him from the dead, and set him at his own right hand.—Eph. 1: 17-20.

And Jesus came and spake unto them, say-

ing, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.—Matt. 28:18.

Able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think.—Eph. 3:20.

Able to succor them that are tempted.—Heb. 2:18.

Able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy.—Jude 24.

Able . . . to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by Him, seeing He ever liveth to make intercession for them.—Heb. 7:25.

Able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work.—2 Cor. 9:8.

Able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.—2 Tim. 1:12.

Who shall change our vile body, that it may be fashioned like unto his glorious body, according to the working whereby he is able even to subdue all things unto himself.—Phil. 3:21.

There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life; as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee.—Josh. 1:5.

The Father's Discipline

I have chosen thee in the furnace of affliction.—Isa. 48: 10.

Thou broughtest us into the net; Thou laidst affliction upon our loins.—Psa. 66: 11.

No man should be moved by these afflictions: for yourselves know that we are appointed thereunto.—1 Thess. 3: 3.

But though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of his mercies. For he doth not afflict willingly nor grieve the children of men.—Lam. 3: 32, 33.

Behold, happy is the man whom God correcteth: therefore despise not thou the chastening of the Almighty.—Job 5: 17.

For whom the Lord loveth He correcteth; even as a father the son in whom he delighteth.—Prov. 3: 12.

As many as I love, I rebuke and chasten.—Rev. 3: 19.

My son, despise not thou the chastening of the Lord, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the Lord loveth He chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son

is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards and not sons. Furthermore, we have had fathers of our flesh which corrected us, and we gave them reverence: shall we not much rather be in subjection unto the Father of spirits and live? For they verily for a few days chastened us after their own pleasure; but He for our profit, that we might be partakers of his holiness. Now no chastening for the present seemeth to be joyous, but grievous: nevertheless, afterward it yieldeth the peaceable fruit of righteousness unto them which are exercised thereby. Wherefore lift up the hands which hang down and the feeble knees.—Heb. 12: 5-12.

The Lord your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.—Deut. 13: 3.

Blessed is the man whom Thou chastenest, O Lord, and teachest him out of thy law, that thou mayest give him rest from the days of adversity.—Psa. 94: 12, 13.

Before I was afflicted I went astray: but now have I kept thy word. It is good for me that I have been afflicted; that I might learn thy statutes. I know, O Lord, that thy judg-

ments are right, and that Thou in faithfulness hast afflicted me.—Psa. 119:67, 71, 75.

When he slew them, then they sought Him; and they returned and inquired early after God.—Psa. 78:34.

He is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; and He shall sit as a refiner and purifier of silver; and He shall purify the sons of Levi, and purge them as gold and silver, that they may offer unto the Lord an offering in righteousness.—Mal. 3:2, 3.

He knoweth the way that I take: when He hath tried me, I shall come forth as gold.—Job 23:10.

Every branch that beareth fruit, He purgeth it, that it may bring forth more fruit.—John 15:2.

For it became Him, for whom are all things, and by whom are all things, in bringing many sons unto glory, to make the Captain of their salvation perfect through sufferings.—Heb. 2:10.

Though He were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered.—Heb. 5:8.

We glory in tribulations also; knowing that tribulation worketh patience.—Rom. 5:3.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceed-

ing and eternal weight of glory; while we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal, but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 Cor. 4: 17, 18.

Let them that suffer according to the will of God commit the keeping of their souls to him in well-doing, as unto a faithful Creator.—1 Peter 4: 19.

The Father's Pity

The Lord is very pitiful and of tender mercy.—James 5: 11.

Like as a father pitieth his children, so the Lord pitieth them that fear Him. For He knoweth our frame; He remembereth that we are dust.—Psa. 103: 13, 14.

But He, being full of compassion, forgave their iniquity and destroyed them not: yea, many a time turned He his anger away, and did not stir up all his wrath. For He remembered that they were but flesh; a wind that passeth away and cometh not again.—Psa. 78: 38, 39.

In all their affliction He was afflicted, and the Angel of his presence saved them: in his love and in his pity He redeemed them: and

He bare them and carried them all the days of old.—Isa. 63:9.

His soul was grieved for the misery of Israel.—Judges 10:16.

The Lord is good to all: and his tender mercies are over all his works. The Lord upholdeth all that fall, and raiseth up all those that be bowed down.—Psa. 145:9, 14.

He stayeth His rough wind in the day of the east wind.—Isa. 27:8.

For the needy shall not always be forgotten.—Psa. 9:18.

For He shall deliver the needy when he crieth; the poor, also, and him that hath no helper. He shall spare the poor and needy, and shall save the souls of the needy. He shall redeem their soul from deceit and violence, and precious shall their blood be in His sight.—Psa. 72:12-14.

I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me.—Psa. 40:17.

A bruised reed shall He not break, and the smoking flax shall He not quench.—Isa. 42:3.

Jesus called his disciples unto Him and said, I have compassion on the multitude because they continue with me now three days and have nothing to eat: and I will not send them away fasting, lest they faint in the way.—Matt. 15:32.

When the Lord saw her, He had compassion on her, and said unto her, Weep not.—Luke 7: 13.

For we have not a high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are.—Heb. 4: 15.

The Father's Love

God is love.—1 John 4: 8.

Beloved, let us love one another: for love is of God; and every one that loveth is born of God and knoweth God. . . . In this was manifested the love of God toward us, because that God sent his only begotten Son into the world, that we might live through Him. Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that He loved us. . . . And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.—1 John 4: 7, 9, 10, 16.

The burden of the word of the Lord to Israel by Malachi: I have loved you, saith the Lord.—Mal. 1: 1, 2.

Yea, I have loved thee with an everlasting love; therefore with loving-kindness have I drawn thee.—Jer. 31: 3.

I will love them freely.—Hosea 14:4.

He will love thee and bless thee.—Deut. 7:13.

The Lord did not set his love upon you, nor choose you, because ye were more in number than any people; for ye were the fewest of all people: but because the Lord loved you . . . hath the Lord brought you out with a mighty hand.—Deut. 7:7, 8.

God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us.—Eph. 2:4.

For the Father himself loveth you.—John 16:27.

Thou . . . hast loved them as thou hast loved Me.—John 17:23.

He that hath my commandments, and keepeth them, he it is that loveth Me: and he that loveth Me shall be loved of my Father, and I will love him and will manifest myself to him.—John 14:21.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have everlasting life.—John 3:16.

As the Father hath loved Me, so have I loved you: continue ye in my love.—John 15:9.

Hereby perceive we the love of God, be-

cause he laid down his life for us.—1 John 3:16.

Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends.—John 15:13.

God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us.—Rom. 5:8.

Having loved his own which were in the world, He loved them unto the end.—John 13:1.

The Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me.—Gal. 2:20.

Him that loved us and washed us from our sins in his own blood.—Rev. 1:5.

The love of God is shed abroad in our hearts by the Holy Ghost which is given unto us.—Rom. 5:5.

That ye . . . may be able to comprehend . . . what is the breadth and length and depth and height, and to know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge.—Eph. 3:17-19.

Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God.—1 John 3:1.

We love Him because He first loved us.—1 John 4:19.

The love of Christ constraineth us.—2 Cor. 5:14.

Walk in love, as Christ also hath loved us.
—Eph. 5: 2.

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.—
Gal. 5: 22.

Keep yourselves in the love of God.—Jude
21.

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation or distress or persecution or famine or nakedness or peril or sword? Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels, nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth nor any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.—Rom. 8: 35, 37, 38, 39.

[See 1 Cor. 13th chapter on Love, *R. V.*]

The Father's Purpose

I have made the earth and created man upon it. I, even my hands, have stretched out the heavens, and all their host have I commanded. I have raised him up in righteousness, and I will direct all his ways.—Isa. 45: 12, 13.

For I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil, to give you an expected end.—Jer. 29:11. Revised Version: To give you hope in your latter end.

God hath from the beginning chosen you to salvation through sanctification of the Spirit and belief of the truth.—2 Thess. 2:13.

Who hath saved us, and called us . . . according to his own purpose and grace.—2 Tim. 1:9.

Ye are thereunto called, that ye should inherit a blessing.—1 Pet. 3:9.

Fear not, little flock, for it is your Father's good pleasure to give you the kingdom.—Luke 12:32.

We know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose.—Rom. 8:28.

For it is God which worketh in you both to will and to do of his good pleasure.—Phil. 2:13.

For this is the will of God, even your sanctification.—1 Thess. 4:3.

Ye have not chosen Me, but I have chosen you, and ordained you, that ye should go and bring forth fruit, and that your fruit should remain.—John 15:16.

For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world: but that the world through Him might be saved.—John 3:17.

God our Saviour, who will have all men to be saved, and to come unto the knowledge of the truth.—1 Tim. 2:3, 4.

The Lord is . . . not willing that any should perish.—2 Pet. 3:9.

And this is the Father's will which hath sent Me, that of all which he hath given Me I should lose nothing.—John 6:39.

And this is the will of Him that sent Me that every one which seeth the Son and believeth in Him may have everlasting life, and I will raise him up at the last day.—John 6:45.

Father, I will that they also, whom thou hast given Me, be with Me where I am.—John 17:24.

The Beatitudes.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

Blessed are they which do hunger and

thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.

Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers: for they shall be called the children of God.

Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake.

Rejoice and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

Matt. 5: 3-12.

The Child's Faith

Jesus saith unto them, Have faith in God.
—Mark 11: 22.

Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen.—Heb. 11: 1.

And now abideth faith, hope, charity.—1 Cor. 13: 13.

Follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace.
—2 Tim. 2: 22.

Stand fast in the faith.—1 Cor. 16:13.

Putting on the breastplate of faith and love.

—1 Thess. 5:8.

Above all, taking the shield of faith.—Eph. 6:16.

Fight the good fight of faith.—1 Tim. 6:12.

This is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.—1 John 5:4.

Believe in the Lord your God, so shall ye be established; believe his prophets, so shall ye prosper.—2 Chron. 20:20.

But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him.—Heb. 11:6.

Let us draw near with a true heart in full assurance of faith.—Heb. 10:22.

This is his commandment, that we should believe on the name of his Son Jesus Christ.—1 John 3:23.

Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house.—Acts 16:31.

He that believeth on the Son hath everlasting life.—John 3:36.

He that heareth my word, and believeth on Him that sent me, hath everlasting life, and shall not come into condemnation.—John 5:24.

Whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—John 11:26.

By grace are ye saved through faith.—Eph. 2:8.

I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that He is able to keep that which I have committed unto Him against that day.—2 Tim. 1:12.

While ye have light, believe in the light, that ye may be the children of light.—John 12:36.

Who is among you that . . . walketh in darkness and hath no light? let him trust in the name of the Lord and stay upon his God.—Isa. 50:10.

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God, that giveth to all men liberally and upbraideth not; and it shall be given him. But let him ask in faith, nothing wavering: for he that wavereth is like a wave of the sea driven with the wind and tossed. For let not that man think that he shall receive anything of the Lord.—James 1:5-7.

Then saith he to Thomas, Reach hither thy finger and behold my hands; and reach hither thy hand and thrust it into my side; and be not faithless, but believing.—John 20:27.

O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?—Matt. 14:31.

Increase our faith.—Luke 17:5.

Trial of your faith.—1 Pet. 1:7.

Building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost. Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.—Jude 20, 21.

Therefore I say unto you, What things soever ye desire, when ye pray, believe that ye receive them, and ye shall have them.—Mark 11:24.

If thou canst believe, all things are possible to him that believeth.—Mark 9:23.

According to your faith be it unto you.—Matt. 9:29.

Blessed is she that believed: for there shall be a performance of those things which were told her from the Lord.—Luke 1:45.

Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding.—Prov. 3:5.

Commit thy way unto the Lord; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.—Psa. 37:5.

Trust in him at all times: ye people, pour out your heart before Him: God is a refuge for us.—Psa. 62:8.

Trust in the Lord, and do good; so shalt

thou dwell in the land, and verily thou shalt be fed.—Psa. 37:3.

Whoso trusteth in the Lord, happy is he.—Prov. 16:20.

O Lord of hosts, blessed is the man that trusteth in Thee.—Psa. 84:12.

Trust ye in the Lord forever.—Isa. 26:4.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on Thee, because he trusteth in Thee.—Isa. 26:3.

[The eleventh chapter of Hebrews, beginning with the third verse.]

Wherefore, seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.—Heb. 12:1, 2.

The Child's Perseverance

Jesus said unto him, No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God.—Luke 9:62.

Beware lest ye also . . . fall from your own steadfastness.—2 Pet. 3:17.

Therefore turn thou to thy God; . . . and wait on thy God continually.—Hosea 12:6.

Seek the Lord and his strength, seek his face continually.—1 Chron. 16:11.

If ye continue in my word, then are ye my disciples indeed.—John 8:31.

Continue ye in my love.—John 15:9.

For we are made partakers of Christ, if we hold the beginning of our confidence steadfast unto the end.—Heb. 3:14.

Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering. The just shall live by faith; but if any man draw back, my soul shall have no pleasure in him.—Heb. 10:23, 38.

Let us not be weary in well-doing; for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not.—Gal. 6:9.

Be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord.—1 Cor. 15:58.

And you . . . hath He reconciled . . . to present you holy and unblamable and unreprouvable in His sight: if ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.—Col. 1:21, 22, 23.

Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.—Phil. 1:6.

Pray without ceasing.—1 Thess. 5:17.

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.—Eph. 6:18.

He spake a parable unto them to this end, that men ought always to pray and not to faint.—Luke 18:1.

And He (Jesus) went out into a mountain to pray, and continued all night in prayer to God.—Luke 6:12.

Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.—Matt. 26:41.

Continuing instant in prayer.—Rom. 12:12.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.—Col. 4:2.

But that which ye have already, hold fast till I come.—Rev. 2:25.

He that shall endure unto the end, the same shall be saved.—Matt. 24:13.

Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life.—Rev. 2:10.

God . . . will render . . . to them who by patient continuance in well-doing seek for

glory and honor and immortality, eternal life.
—Rom. 2: 5-7.

The Child's Obedience

Hath the Lord as great delight in burnt-offerings and sacrifices as in obeying the voice of the Lord? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, and to hearken than the fat of rams.
—1 Sam. 15: 22.

If ye will obey my voice indeed, and keep my covenant, then ye shall be a peculiar treasure unto Me above all people.—Exodus 19: 5.

Ye shall do my statutes and keep my judgments and do them, and ye shall dwell in the land in safety.—Lev. 25: 18.

A blessing, if ye obey the commandments of the Lord your God which I command you this day.—Deut. 11: 27.

If ye will fear the Lord and serve him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall ye . . . continue following the Lord your God.—1 Sam. 12: 14.

Obey my voice, and I will be your God, and ye shall be my people; and walk ye in all the ways that I have commanded you, that it may be well unto you.—Jer. 7: 23.

Know ye not that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey, whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness? But God be thanked, that ye were the servants of sin, but ye have obeyed from the heart that form of doctrine which was delivered you.—Rom. 6: 16, 17.

Then Peter and the other apostles answered and said, We ought to obey God rather than men.—Acts 5: 29.

Though he were a Son, yet learned He obedience by the things which He suffered. And being made perfect, he became the author of eternal salvation unto all them that obey Him.—Heb 5: 8, 9.

And being found in fashion as a man, He humbled himself, and became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.—Phil. 2: 8.

For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous.—Rom. 5: 19.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ: as obedient children, not fashioning yourselves according to the former lusts in your ignorance: but as He which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all man-

ner of conversation: because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.—1 Pet. 1: 13-16.

Bringing into captivity every thought to the obedience of Christ.—2 Cor. 10: 5.

If ye love Me, keep my commandments.—John 14: 15.

This is my commandment, That ye love one another, as I have loved you.—John 15: 12.

The Commandments

And God spake all these words, saying,
Thou shalt have no other gods before Me.

Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or any likeness of anything that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth: thou shalt not bow down thyself to them, nor serve them: for I the Lord thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate Me, and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love Me and keep my commandments.

Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor and do all thy work:

but the seventh day is the Sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy manservant, nor thy maidservant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days the Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and hallowed it.

Honor thy father and thy mother; that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Thou shalt not kill.

Thou shalt not commit adultery.

Thou shalt not steal.

Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.—Exod. 20: 1, 3-17.

Master, which is the great commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself.—Matt. 22: 36-39.

The Child's Patience

Ye have need of patience, that, after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise.—Heb. 10:36.

Be patient toward all men.—1 Thess. 5:14.

Be gentle unto all men, apt to teach, patient.—2 Tim. 2:24.

Not greedy of filthy lucre, but patient.—1 Tim. 3:3.

Aged men be . . . sound in faith, in charity, in patience.—Titus 2:2.

Follow after righteousness, godliness, faith, love, patience, meekness.—1 Tim. 6:11.

Add . . . to temperance, patience; and to patience, godliness.—2 Peter 1:5, 6.

In your patience possess ye your souls.—Luke 21:19.

Let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing.—James 1:4.

Let us run with patience the race that is set before us.—Heb. 12:1.

Patient in tribulation.—Rom. 12:12.

If, when ye do well and suffer for it, ye take it patiently, this is acceptable with God.—1 Pet. 2:20.

The Lord is good unto them that wait for

Him, to the soul that seeketh Him.—Lam. 3:25.

Rest in the Lord and wait patiently for Him.—Psa. 37:7.

Be patient therefore, brethren, unto the coming of the Lord. Behold, the husbandman waiteth for the precious fruit of the earth, and hath long patience for it, until he receive the early and latter rain.—James 5:7.

My soul, wait thou only upon God; for my expectation is from him. He only is my rock and my salvation; he is my defence; I shall not be moved. In God is my salvation and my glory: the rock of my strength and my refuge is in God.—Psa. 62:5-7.

He that believeth shall not make haste.—Isa. 28:16.

The Child's Service

Serve the Lord with gladness.—Psa. 100:2.

And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee but to fear the Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways and to love Him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul?—Deut. 10:12.

Thou shalt fear the Lord thy God; Him shalt thou serve, and to Him shalt thou cleave.—Deut. 10:20.

Ye shall walk after the Lord your God and fear Him and keep his commandments and obey his voice, and ye shall serve Him and cleave unto Him.—Deut. 13:4.

Only fear the Lord and serve Him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things He hath done for you.—1 Sam. 12:24.

If ye will fear the Lord and serve Him, and obey his voice, and not rebel against the commandment of the Lord, then shall both ye and also the king that reigneth over you continue following the Lord your God.—1 Sam. 12:14.

My sons, be not now negligent: for the Lord hath chosen you to stand before Him to serve Him.—2 Chron. 29:11.

He that is greatest among you, let him be as the younger; and he that is chief, as he that doth serve. For whether is greater, he that sitteth at meat or he that serveth? is not he that sitteth at meat? but I am among you as he that serveth.—Luke 22:26, 27.

For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many.—Mark 10:45.

Made himself of no reputation, and took upon Him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men.—Phil. 2:7.

After that He poureth water into a basin,

and began to wash the disciples' feet and to wipe them with the towel wherewith He was girded.—John 13:5.

By love serve one another.—Gal. 5:13.

Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.—Gal. 6:2.

With good will doing service, as to the Lord and not to men.—Eph. 6:7.

Now we are delivered from the law, that being dead wherein we were held; that we should serve in newness of spirit, and not in the oldness of the letter.—Rom. 7:6.

Let us . . . serve God acceptably with reverence and godly fear.—Heb. 12:28.

For he that . . . serveth Christ is acceptable to God and approved of men.—Rom. 14:18.

Serving the Lord with all humility.—Acts 20:19.

If any man serve Me, let him follow Me; and where I am, there shall also my servant be: if any man serve Me, him will my Father honor.—John 12:26.

And there shall be no more curse; but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve Him; and they shall see his face, and his name shall be in their foreheads.—Rev. 22:3, 4.

The Child's Hope

We are saved by hope.—Rom. 8:24.

Let Israel hope in the Lord.—Psa. 130:7.

Be not moved away from the hope of the gospel.—Col. 1:23.

We desire that every one of you do show the same diligence to the full assurance of hope unto the end.—Heb. 6:11.

It is good that a man should both hope and quietly wait for the salvation of the Lord.—Lam. 3:26.

Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted in me? Hope thou in God: for I shall yet praise Him for the help of his countenance.—Psa. 42:5.

Thou art my hope in the day of evil.—Jer. 17:17.

Hope maketh not ashamed.—Rom. 5:5.

Wherefore gird up the loins of your mind, be sober, and hope to the end for the grace that is to be brought unto you at the revelation of Jesus Christ.—1 Peter 1:13.

Hope that is seen is not hope: for what a man seeth, why doth he yet hope for? But if we hope for that we see not, then do we with patience wait for it.—Rom. 8:24, 25.

Happy is he that hath the God of Jacob for

his help, whose hope is in the Lord his God.
—Psa. 146: 5.

Our Lord Jesus Christ . . . hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace.—2 Thess. 2: 16.

Whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the Scriptures might have hope.—Rom. 15: 4.

That by two immutable things, in which it was impossible for God to lie, we might have a strong consolation who have fled for refuge to lay hold upon the hope set before us: which hope we have as an anchor of the soul, both sure and steadfast, and which entereth into that within the vail.—Heb. 6: 18, 19.

Now the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, that ye may abound in hope through the power of the Holy Ghost.—Rom. 15: 13.

The Lord taketh pleasure in them that fear Him, in those that hope in his mercy.—Psa. 147: 11.

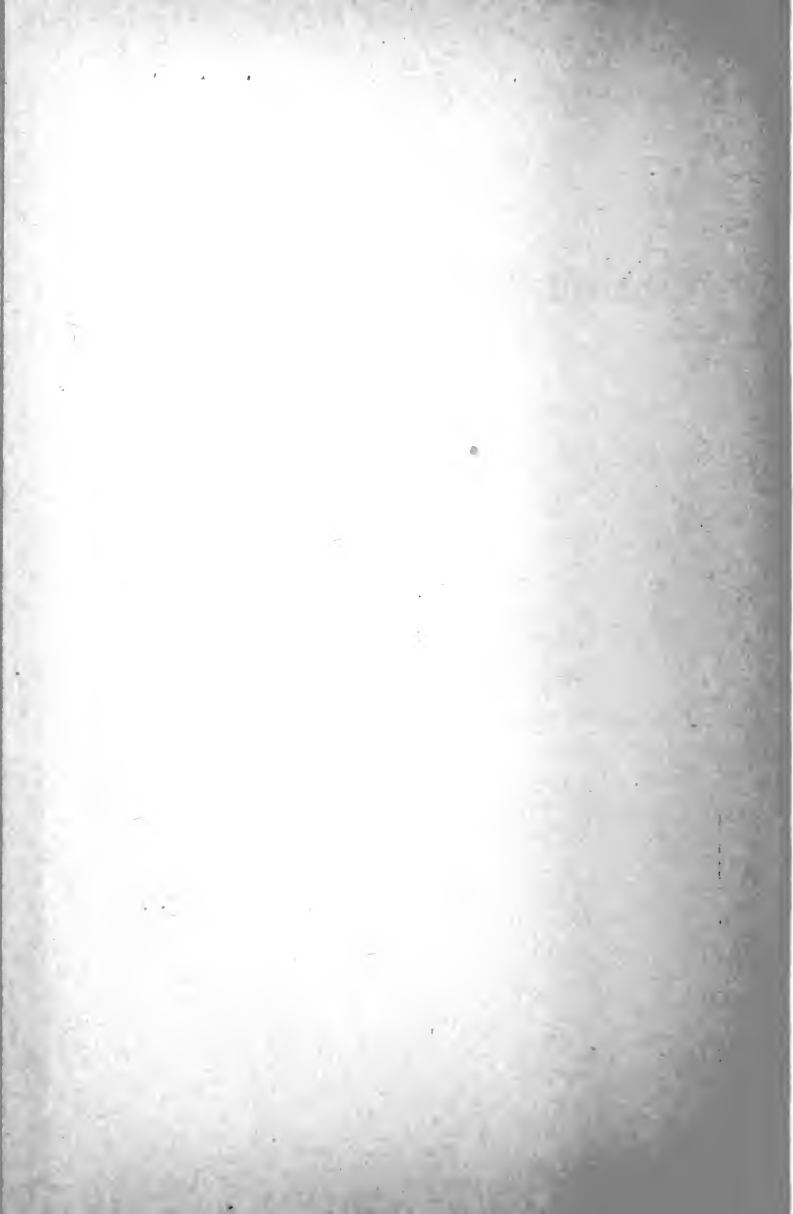
But I will hope continually, and will yet praise Thee more and more.—Psa. 71: 14.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a

lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.—1 Pet. 1:3.

Looking for that blessed hope, and the glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour Jesus Christ.—Titus 2:13.

The Child and His Father

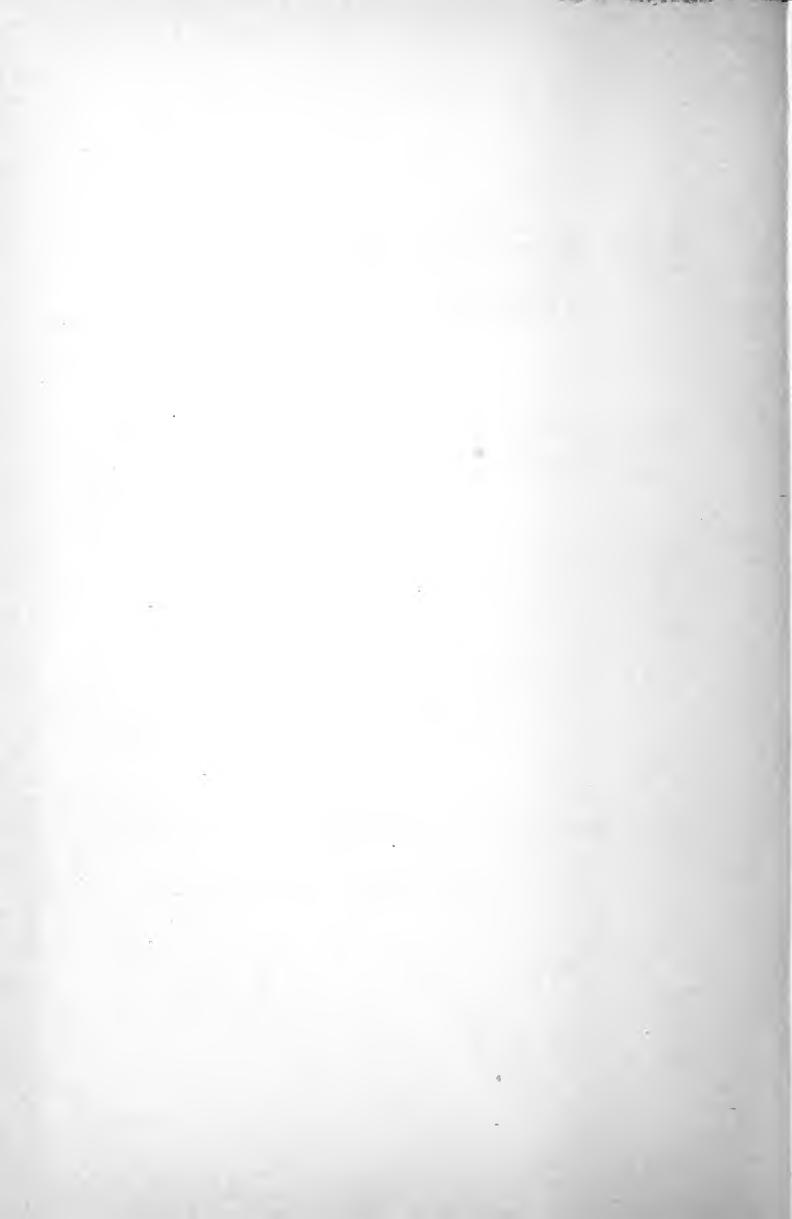


The Child's Prayer to His Father

Our Father which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so in earth.

Give us day by day our daily bread.

And forgive us our sins; for we also forgive every one that is indebted to us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.—Luke 11:2-4.



The Child's Cry and the Father's Answer

The Child's Cry In Pain and Sickness and the Father's Answer By Healing

We have been in pain.—Isa. 26: 18.

I am the Lord that healeth thee.—Exod. 15: 26.

Often infirmities.—1 Tim. 5: 23.

For I will restore health unto thee, and I will heal thee of thy wounds, saith the Lord.—Jer. 30: 17.

The whole head is sick, and the whole heart faint.—Isa. 1: 5.

I will strengthen that which was sick.—Ezek. 34: 16.

The Lord doth build up Jerusalem: He gathereth together the outcasts of Israel. He healeth the broken in heart, and bindeth up their wounds.—Psa. 147: 2, 3.

Look upon mine affliction and my pain.—Psa. 25: 18.

But unto you that fear my Name shall the Sun of righteousness arise with healing in his wings.—Mal. 4: 2.

And Jesus went forth, and saw a great multitude, and was moved with compassion toward them, and He healed their sick.—Matt. 14: 14.

Pray one for another, that ye may be healed.
—James 5: 16.

The prayer of faith shall save the sick.—James 5: 15.

Now when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with divers diseases brought them unto Him.—Luke 4: 40.

And He laid his hands on every one of them and healed them.—Luke 4: 40.

He is chastened also with pain upon his bed, and the multitude of his bones with strong pain.—Job. 33: 19.

The Lord will strengthen him upon the bed of languishing: Thou wilt make all his bed in his sickness.—Psa. 41: 3.

Make me to hear joy and gladness, that the

bones which thou hast broken may rejoice.—Psa. 51:8.

He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions.—Psa. 107:20.

Consider and hear me, O Lord my God: lighten mine eyes, lest I sleep the sleep of death.—Psa. 13:3.

And the Lord will take away from thee all sickness.—Deut. 7:15.

We know that the whole creation groaneth and travaileth in pain together until now.
—Rom. 8:22.

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon Me, because the Lord hath anointed Me to preach good tidings unto the meek; He hath sent me to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and the opening of the prison to them that are bound.—Isa. 61:1.

And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped Him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean.—Matt. 8:2.

And Jesus put forth his hand and touched him, saying, I will: be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed.—Matt. 8:3.

I said, O my God, take me not away in the

midst of my days: thy years are throughout all generations.—Psa. 102:24.

Moreover the light of the moon shall be as the light of the sun, and the light of the sun shall be sevenfold, as the light of seven days, in the day that the Lord bindeth up the breach of his people, and healeth the stroke of their wound.—Isa. 30:26.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, and give ear unto my cry; hold not thy peace at my tears. Oh, spare me, that I may recover strength.—Psa. 39:12, 13.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me. O Lord, Thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.—Psa. 30:2, 3.

And when Jesus departed thence, two blind men followed Him, crying, and saying, Thou Son of David, have mercy on us! . . . And Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto Him, Yea, Lord.—Matt. 9:27, 28.

Then touched He their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you.—Matt 9:29.

And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching

in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness and all manner of disease among the people.—Matt. 4:23.

And, behold, there cometh one of the rulers of the synagogue, Jairus by name; and when he saw Him, he fell at his feet, and besought Him greatly, saying, My little daughter lieth at the point of death: I pray Thee, come and lay thy hands on her, that she may be healed; and she shall live.—Mark 5:22, 23.

And He took the damsel by the hand, and said unto her, . . . Arise! And straightway the damsel arose and walked.—Mark 5:41, 42.

O Lord God of my salvation, I have cried day and night before thee: let my prayer come before Thee: incline thine ear unto my cry: for my soul is full of troubles, and my life draweth nigh unto the grave. I am counted with them that go down unto the pit: I am as a man that hath no strength.—Psa. 88:1, 2, 3, 4.

God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain.—Rev. 21:4.

Whatsoever sickness there be; what prayer and supplication soever be made by any man, or by all thy people Israel, which shall know every man the plague of his own heart, then hear Thou in heaven thy dwelling-place, and forgive, and do and give to every man according to his ways, whose heart Thou knowest (for Thou, even Thou only, knowest the hearts of all the children of men).—1 Kings 8:37-39.

I will heal their backsliding, I will love them freely.—Hos. 14:4.

Himself took our infirmities, and bare our sicknesses.—Matt. 8:17.

And when the men of that place had knowledge of Him, they sent out into all that country round about, and brought unto Him all that were diseased; and besought Him that they might only touch the hem of his garment.—Matt. 14:35, 36.

And as many as touched were made perfectly whole.—Matt. 14:36.

And his fame went throughout all Syria: and they brought unto Him all sick people that were taken with divers diseases and torments, and those which were pos-

sessed with devils, and those which were lunatic, and those that had the palsy.—Matt. 4: 24.

And He healed them.—Matt. 4: 24.

Surely He hath borne our griefs and carried our sorrows: yet we did esteem Him stricken, smitten of God, and afflicted. But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities: the chastisement of our peace was upon Him; and with his stripes we are healed.—Isa. 53: 4, 5.

Lest I should be exalted above measure through the abundance of the revelations, there was given to me a thorn in the flesh, the messenger of Satan to buffet me, lest I should be exalted above measure. For this thing I besought the Lord thrice, that it might depart from me.—2 Cor. 12: 7, 8.

And He said unto me, My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me.—2 Cor. 12: 9.

The Child's Cry In Wakefulness and the Father's Answer By Peace and Rest

Abide with us; for it is toward evening, and the day is far spent.—Luke 24: 29.

My presence shall go with thee, and I will give thee rest.—Ex. 33: 14.

Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you.—John 14: 27.

The God of peace.—Rom. 15: 33.

Wearisome nights are appointed to me.—Job 7: 3.

There shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light.—Rev. 22: 5.

I know the thoughts that I think toward you, saith the Lord, thoughts of peace, and not of evil.—Jer. 29: 11.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto thee.—Psa. 119: 62.

Great peace have they which love thy law: and nothing shall offend them.—Psa. 119: 165.

I will hear what God the Lord will speak: for He will speak peace unto his people and to his saints.—Psa. 85: 8.

Peace, peace to him that is far off and to him that is near, saith the Lord.—Isa. 57: 19.

Where is God my maker, who giveth songs in the night?—Job 35: 10.

Commune with your own heart upon your bed, and be still.—Psa. 4: 4.

The day is Thine, the night also is Thine.—Psa. 74: 16.

Whether we wake or sleep, we should live together with Him.—1 Thess. 5: 10.

When I awake, I am still with Thee.—Psa. 139: 18.

Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace, whose mind is stayed on Thee: because he trusteth in Thee.—Isa. 26: 3.

And the work of righteousness shall be peace; and the effect of righteousness, quietness and assurance for ever.

And my people shall dwell in a peaceable habitation and in sure dwellings and in quiet resting-places.—Isa. 32: 17, 18.

My bones are pierced in me in the night season: and my sinews take no rest.—Job 30: 17.

Thou shalt not be afraid for the terror by night; . . . For he shall give his angels charge over thee, to keep thee in all thy ways.—Psa. 91: 5, 11.

For thus saith the Lord God, the Holy One of Israel, in returning and rest shall ye be saved; in quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—Isa. 30:15.

Grace be unto you, and peace, from Him which is, and which was, and which is to come.—Rev. 1:4.

My sore ran in the night, and ceased not; my soul refused to be comforted.—Psa. 77:2.

Weeping may endure for a night, but joy cometh in the morning.—Psa. 30:5.

The Lord lift up his countenance upon thee and give thee peace.—Num. 6:26.

Thou holdest mine eyes waking: I am so troubled that I cannot speak.—Psa. 77:4.

Come unto Me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn of Me; for I am meek and lowly in heart; and ye shall find rest unto your souls.—Matt. 11:28, 29.

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, shall keep your hearts and minds through Christ Jesus.—Phil. 4:7.

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He re-

storeth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.—Psa. 23.

When I lie down, I say, When shall I arise, and the night be gone? and I am full of tossings to and fro unto the dawning of the day.—Job. 7:4.

The Lord shall give thee rest from thy sorrow and from thy fear.—Isa. 14:3.

My soul waiteth for the Lord more than they that watch for the morning: I say, more than they that watch for the morning.—Psa. 130:6.

There remaineth therefore a rest to the people of God.—Heb. 4:9.

In His days shall the righteous flourish; and abundance of peace so long as the moon endureth.—Psa. 72:7.

*I am weary with my groaning; all the night
make I my bed to swim; I water my
couch with my tears.*—Psa. 6:6.

The Lord will bless his people with peace.
—Psa. 29:11.

For He is our peace.—Eph. 2:14.

*With my soul have I desired thee in the
night; yea, with my spirit within me will
I seek thee early.*—Isa. 26:9.

Thou compassest my path and my lying
down, and art acquainted with all my ways.
If I say, Surely the darkness shall cover me,
even the night shall be light about me. Yea,
the darkness hideth not from Thee; but the
night shineth as the day: the darkness and the
light are both alike to Thee.—Psa. 139:3,
11, 12.

*I remember Thee upon my bed, and meditate
on thee in the night watches.*—Psa. 63:6.

This is the rest wherewith ye may cause the
weary to rest; and this is the refreshing.—
Isa. 28:12.

*I call to remembrance my song in the night:
I commune with mine own heart: and my
spirit made diligent search.*—Psa. 77:6.

Lord, thou wilt ordain peace for us.—Isa.
26:12.

Let the peace of God rule in your hearts,

to the which also ye are called in one body.—
Col. 3: 15.

*I prevented the dawning of the morning, and
cried: I hoped in thy word. Mine eyes
prevent the night watches, that I might
meditate in thy word.—Psa. 119: 147,
148.*

Peace be unto you!—Luke 24: 36.

Now the Lord of peace Himself give you
peace always by all means.—2 Thess. 3: 16.

*My tears have been my meat day and night,
while they continually say unto me,
Where is thy God? Yet the Lord will
command his loving kindness in the day-
time, and in the night his song shall be
with me, and my prayer unto the God of
my life.—Psa. 42: 3, 8.*

Thou shalt increase my greatness, and com-
fort me on every side.—Psa. 71: 21.

*I have remembered thy name, O Lord, in the
night, and have kept thy law.—Psa. 119:
55.*

To be spiritually minded is life and peace.
—Rom. 8: 6.

The Child's Cry In Loneliness and the Father's Answer By His Presence

Oh, forsake me not utterly.—Psa. 119:8.

My presence shall go with thee.—Ex. 33:14.

The upright shall dwell in Thy presence.—Psa. 140:13.

Forsake not the works of Thine own hands.
—Psa. 138:8.

He hath said, I will never leave thee nor forsake thee.—Heb. 13:5.

Forsake me not, O Lord: O my God, be not far from me.—Psa. 38:21.

Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him and will sup with him, and he with me.—Rev. 3:20.

Zion said, The Lord hath forsaken me, and my Lord hath forgotten me.—Is. 49:14.

The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee neither forsake thee.—Deut. 31:8.

Be not far from me, for trouble is near; for there is none to help.—Psa. 22:11.

And they shall fight against thee; but they

shall not prevail against thee; for I am with thee, saith the Lord, to deliver thee.—Jer. 1: 19.

When my father and my mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up.—Psa. 27: 10.

Lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world.—Matt. 28: 20.

I will dwell in them and walk in them.—2 Cor. 6: 16.

My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me?—Matt. 27: 46.

The Lord is round about his people.—Psa. 125: 2.

For where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them.—Matt. 18: 20.

The Lord our God be with us, as he was with our fathers: let Him not leave us nor forsake us.—1 Kings 8: 57.

The Lord is with you while ye be with Him; and if ye seek Him, He will be found of you.—2 Chron. 15: 2.

Lord, how is it that Thou wilt manifest thyself unto us, and not unto the world?

If a man love me, he will keep my words:

and my Father will love him, and we will come unto him and make our abode with him.—John 14: 22, 23.

*My lovers and my friends stand aloof . . .
and my kinsmen stand afar off.*—Psa.
38: 11.

And, behold, I am with thee, and will keep thee in all places whither thou goest.—Gen. 28: 15.

God is in the midst of her.—Psa. 46: 5.

*Turn thee unto me, and have mercy upon me;
for I am desolate and afflicted. The
troubles of my heart are enlarged: oh,
bring thou me out of my distresses.*—
Psa. 25: 16, 17.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee.—Isa. 43: 2.

Thus shall they know that I the Lord their God am with them.—Ezek. 34: 30.

*Hide not thy face far from me; put not thy
servant away in anger: thou hast been
my help; leave me not, neither forsake
me, O God of my salvation.*—Psa. 27: 9.

I will not leave thee until I have done that which I have spoken to thee of.—Gen. 28: 15.

I have been very jealous for the Lord God of

hosts; for the children of Israel have forsaken thy covenant, thrown down thine altars, and slain thy prophets with the sword: and I, even I only, am left; and they seek my life to take it away.—

1 Kings 19: 10.

And ye shall know that I am in the midst of Israel, and that I am the Lord your God, and none else: and my people shall never be ashamed.—*Joel 2: 27.*

The tabernacle of God is with men.—*Rev. 21: 3.*

And Jacob was left alone; and there wrestled a man with him until the breaking of the day. And when he saw that he prevailed not against him, he touched the hollow of his thigh; and the hollow of Jacob's thigh was out of joint as he wrestled with him. And he said, Let Me go, for the day breaketh. And He said, I will not let Thee go, except Thou bless me. And He said unto him, What is thy name? And he said, Jacob.

And He said, Thy name shall be called no more Jacob, but Israel: for as a prince hast thou power with God and with men, and hast prevailed.—*Gen. 32: 24-28.*

The Angel of his presence saved them.—*Isa. 63: 9.*

The Child's Cry In Weakness and the Father's Answer By Strength

Have mercy upon me, O Lord, for I am weak.
—Psa. 6:2.

*In Thine hand it is to make great and to give
strength unto all.*—I Chron. 29:12.

Let the weak say, I am strong.—Joel 3:10.

With Him is wisdom and strength.—Job
12:13.

Glory and honor are in His presence;
strength and gladness are in his place.—I
Chron. 16:27.

*The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is
weak.*—Matt. 26:41.

They that stumbled are girded with
strength.—I Sam. 2:4.

The weakness of God is stronger than men.
—I Cor. 1:25.

The Lord will give strength unto his people.—Psa. 29:11.

Let him take hold of My strength.—Isa.
27:5.

Now therefore, O God, strengthen my hands.
—Neh. 6:9.

Thou hast been a strength to the poor, a

strength to the needy in his distress.—Isa. 25:4.

Will He plead against me with his great power?—Job 23:6.

No; but He would put strength in me.—Job 23:6.

God is my strength and power.—2 Sam. 22:33.

O spare me, that I may recover strength, before I go hence and be no more.—Psa. 39:13.

I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.—Isa. 41:10.

As thy days, so shall thy strength be.—Deut. 33:25.

My knees are weak through fasting. Help me, O Lord my God: O save me according to thy mercy.—Psa. 109:24, 26.

In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.—Isa. 30:15.

The Lord . . . send thee help from the sanctuary, and strengthen thee out of Zion.—Psa. 20:1, 2.

Which by his strength setteth fast the mountains; being girded with power.—Psa. 65:6.

He weakened my strength in the way; He shortened my days. I said, O my God, take me not away in the midst of my days.

—Psa. 102: 23, 24.

He [the Lord] said unto me, . . . My strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities. . . . for when I am weak, then am I strong.—2 Cor. 12: 9, 10.

In the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.—Isa. 26: 4.

My flesh and my heart faileth, but God is the strength of my heart, and my portion forever.—Psa. 73: 26.

The people that do know their God shall be strong and do exploits.—Dan. 11: 32.

We then that are strong ought to bear the infirmities of the weak, and not to please ourselves.—Rom. 15: 1.

Be not thou far from me, O Lord: O my strength, haste thee to help me.—Psa. 22: 19.

Hast thou not known? hast thou not heard, that the everlasting God, the Lord, the Creator of the ends of the earth, fainteth not, neither is weary? there is no searching of his understanding. He giveth power to the faint; and to them that have no might He increaseth

strength. Even the youths shall faint and be weary, and the young men shall utterly fall: But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run and not be weary; and they shall walk and not faint.—Isa. 40:28, 31.

The Lord thy God in the midst of thee is mighty.—Zeph. 3:17.

Bow down thine ear to me; deliver me speedily: be Thou my strong rock, for a house of defence to save me.—Psa. 31:2.

And, behold, one like the similitude of the sons of men touched my lips: then I opened my mouth, and spake, and said unto him that stood before me, O my lord, by the vision my sorrows are turned upon me, and I have retained no strength. . . . Then there came again and touched me like the appearance of a man, and he strengthened me, and said, O man greatly beloved, fear not: peace be unto thee; be strong, yea, be strong. And when he had spoken unto me, I was strengthened.—Dan. 10:16, 18, 19.

I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me.—Phil. 4:13.

O our God, . . . we have no might against

this great company that cometh against us; neither know we what to do; but our eyes are upon thee.—2 Chron. 20:12.

O God the Lord, the strength of my salvation, thou hast covered my head in the day of battle.—Psa. 140:7.

In the day when I cried thou answeredst me, and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.—Psa. 138:3.

At my first answer no man stood with me, but all men forsook me.—2 Tim. 4:16.

Notwithstanding the Lord stood with me and strengthened me.—2 Tim. 4:17.

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.—Psa. 46:1.

Cast me not off in the time of old age; forsake me not when my strength faileth.

O God, be not far from me: O my God, make haste for my help.—Psa. 71:9, 12.

The eternal God is thy refuge, and underneath are the Everlasting Arms.—Deut. 33:27.

Neither be ye sorry; for the joy of the Lord is your strength.—Neh. 8:10.

I am feeble and sore broken. Lord, all my desire is before Thee, and my groaning is not hid from Thee. My heart pant-

eth, my strength faileth me.—Psa. 38: 8-10.

The God of Israel is He that giveth strength and power unto his people.—Psa. 68: 35.

The way of the Lord is strength to the upright.—Prov. 10: 29.

The Child's Cry In Fear and the Father's Answer By Courage

Men's hearts failing them for fear.—Luke 21: 26.

And He led them on safely, so that they feared not.—Psa. 78: 53.

My heart panted, fearfulness affrighted me.—Isa. 21: 4.

Thou shalt not be affrighted, . . . for the Lord thy God is among you, a mighty God.—Deut. 7: 21.

And David was greatly distressed.—I Sam. 30: 6.

But David encouraged himself in the Lord his God.—I Sam. 30: 6.

Trouble and anguish shall make him afraid.—Job 15: 24.

Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be

strong, fear not: behold, your God . . . will come and save you.—Isa. 35:4.

Have not I commanded thee? Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed; for the Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest.—Josh. 1:9.

Terrors shall make him afraid on every side.

—Job 18:11.

Strengthen ye the weak hands, and confirm the feeble knees. Say to them that are of a fearful heart, Be strong, fear not.—Isa. 35:3, 4.

Why are ye troubled? and why do thoughts arise in your hearts?—Luke 24:38.

Fear came upon me, and trembling, which made all my bones to shake.—Job 4:14.

Be not afraid of sudden fear, . . for the Lord shall be thy confidence, and shall keep thy foot from being taken.—Prov. 3:25, 26.

The beloved of the Lord shall dwell in safety by Him.—Deut. 33:12.

Lord, why castest thou off my soul? . . .

Thy terrors have cut me off.—Psa. 88:14, 16.

Be not afraid, . . . for the Lord thy God is with thee. . . . Let not your hearts faint,

fear not and do not tremble, neither be ye terrified . . . For the Lord your God is He that goeth with you.—Deut. 20:1, 3, 4.

*What time I am afraid, I will trust in Thee.
I will trust and not be afraid.*—Psa. 56:
3; Isa. 12:2.

The Lord, He it is that doth go before thee; He will be with thee, He will not fail thee, neither forsake thee: fear not, neither be dismayed.—Deut. 31:8.

My son, be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus . . . Endure hardness as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.—2 Tim. 2:1, 3.

*My flesh trembleth for fear of Thee, and I
am afraid of thy judgments.*—Psa. 119:
120.

Fear thou not; . . . I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God.—Isa. 41:10.

*And when the sun was going down, a deep
sleep fell upon Abram; and, lo, a horror
of great darkness fell upon him.*—Gen.
15:12.

But now thus saith the Lord that created thee, O Jacob, and he that formed thee, O Israel, Fear not: for I have redeemed thee, I have called thee by the name, thou art mine.—Isa. 43:1.

Be merciful unto me, O God: for man would swallow me up.—Psa. 56: 7.

Be not afraid of their faces: for I am with thee to deliver thee, saith the Lord.—Jer. 1: 8.

Wait on the Lord: be of good courage, and He shall strengthen thine heart.—Psa. 27: 14.

Give ear to my prayer, O God; and hide not thyself from my supplication. My heart is sore pained within me: and the terrors of death are fallen upon me. Fearfulness and trembling are come upon me, and horror hath overwhelmed me.—Psa. 55: 1-5.

Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.—John 14: 27.

Be of good courage, and He shall strengthen your heart, all ye that hope in the Lord.—Psa. 31: 24.

But when he saw the wind boisterous, he was afraid; and beginning to sink, he cried, saying, Lord, save me!—Matt. 14: 30.

And immediately Jesus stretched forth his hand, and caught him, and said unto him, O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?—Matt. 14: 31.

And Gideon said, . . . If the Lord be with

us, why then is all this befallen us?—
Judges 6: 13.

And the Lord looked upon him and said, Go in this thy might, and thou shalt save Israel from the hand of the Midianites: have not I sent thee?—Judges 6: 14.

And in the fourth watch of the night Jesus went unto them, walking on the sea. And when the disciples saw Him walking on the sea, they were troubled, saying, It is a spirit; and they cried out for fear.—
Matt. 14: 25, 26.

But straightway Jesus spake unto them, saying, Be of good cheer; it is I; be not afraid.—Matt. 14: 27.

*And, behold, there arose a great tempest in the sea, insomuch that the ship was covered with the waves: but He was asleep. And his disciples came to Him, and awoke Him, saying, Lord, save us: we perish!—*Matt. 8: 24, 25.

And He saith unto them, Why are ye fearful, O ye of little faith? Then He arose, and rebuked the winds and the sea; and there was a great calm.—Matt. 8: 26.

Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might.

Put on the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil.

Wherefore take unto you the whole armor of God, that ye may be able to withstand in the evil day, and having done all, to stand.

Stand therefore, having your loins girt about with truth, and having on the breastplate of righteousness.

And your feet shod with the preparation of the gospel of peace.

Above all, taking the shield of faith, wherewith ye shall be able to quench all the fiery darts of the wicked.

And take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God:

Praying always with all prayer and supplication in the Spirit, and watching thereunto with all perseverance and supplication for all saints.—Eph. 6:10, 11, 13-15, 18.

What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?

Nay, in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him that loved us.—Rom. 8:31, 37.

The Child's Cry In Trouble and the Father's Answer By Comfort

Behold, O Lord; for I am in distress.—Lam.
1 : 20.

I, even I, am He that comforteth you.—Isa.
51 : 12.

I will speak in the anguish of my spirit.—Job
7 : 11.

He shall call upon Me, and I will answer him : I will be with him in trouble ; I will deliver him.—Psa. 91 : 15.

Have mercy upon me, O Lord; consider my trouble.—Psa. 9 : 13.

As one whom his mother comforteth, so will I comfort you.—Isa. 66 : 13.

My soul refused to be comforted.—Psa. 77 : 2.

Now our Lord Jesus Christ himself, and God, even our Father, which hath loved us, and hath given us everlasting consolation and good hope through grace, comfort your hearts, and stablish you in every good word and work.—2 Thess. 2 : 16, 17.

I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another comforter, that He may abide with you for ever.—John 14 : 16.

All thy waves and thy billows are gone over me.—Psa. 42:7.

Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort.—2 Cor. 1:3.

In the shadow of thy wings will I make my refuge, until these calamities be overpast.
—Psa. 57:1.

The shadow of a great rock in a weary land.
—Isa. 32:2.

They that dwell under His shadow shall return.—Hosea 14:7.

Attend unto my cry; for I am brought very low.—Psa. 142:6.

Comfort ye, comfort ye my people, saith your God. Speak ye comfortably to Jerusalem.—Isa. 40:1, 2.

Let thy tender mercies speedily prevent us; for we are brought very low.—Psa. 79:8.

The ransomed of the Lord shall return and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—Isa. 35:10.

Give me help from trouble: for vain is the help of man.—Psa. 108:12.

Cast thy burden upon the Lord, and He shall sustain thee.—Psa. 55:22.

Will the Lord cast me off for ever? and will He be favorable no more?—Psa. 77:7.

The Lord will not cast off for ever; but though He cause grief, yet will He have compassion according to the multitude of His mercies.—Lam. 3:31, 32.

O my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from Me: nevertheless, not as I will, but as Thou wilt.—Matt. 26:39.

Casting all your care upon Him; for he careth for you.—1 Peter 5:7.

But the Comforter, which is the Holy Ghost, whom the Father will send in my name, He shall teach you all things, and bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you.—John 14:26.

From the end of the earth will I cry unto Thee, when my heart is overwhelmed: lead me to the rock that is higher than I.—Psa. 61:2.

Sing, O heavens; and be joyful, O earth; and break forth into singing, O mountains: for the Lord hath comforted his people, and will have mercy upon his afflicted.—Isa. 49:13.

Hide not thy face from me in the day when I am in trouble; incline thine ear unto me: in the day when I call answer me speedily.—Psa. 102: 2.

Before they call I will answer, and while they are yet speaking I will hear.—Isa. 65: 24.

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord. Lord, hear my voice: let thine ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications.—Psa. 130: 1, 2.

I will turn their mourning into joy, and will comfort them, and make them rejoice from their sorrow.—Jer. 31: 13.

How long shall I take counsel in my soul, having sorrow in my heart daily? Consider and hear me, O Lord, . . . lighten mine eyes lest I sleep the sleep of death.—Psa. 13: 2, 3.

Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord.—Eph. 5: 18, 19.

Hear me, O Lord; for thy loving-kindness is good; turn unto me according to the multitude of thy tender mercies. And hide not thy face from thy servant; for I am

in trouble: hear me speedily.—Psa. 69: 16, 17.

I will not leave you comfortless: I will come to you.—John 14: 18.

Are not five sparrows sold for two farthings, and not one of them is forgotten before God? But even the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not therefore: ye are of more value than many sparrows.—Luke 12: 6, 7.

Save me, O God, for the waters are come in unto my soul. I sink in deep mire, where there is no standing: I am come into deep waters, where the floods overflow me. I am weary of my crying: my throat is dried: mine eyes fail while I wait for my God.—Psa. 69: 1, 2, 3.

When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee; and through the rivers, they shall not overflow thee.—Isa. 43: 2.

Hear my prayer, O Lord, give ear to my supplications: in thy faithfulness answer me, and in thy righteousness. Therefore is my spirit overwhelmed within me; my heart within me is desolate. Hear me speedily, O Lord; my spirit faileth: hide not thy face from me.—Psa. 143: 1, 4, 7.
And I say unto you, Ask, and it shall be

given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you. For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened.

If a son shall ask bread of any of you that is a father, will he give him a stone? or if he ask a fish, will he for a fish give him a serpent? Or if he shall ask an egg, will he offer him a scorpion?

If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him?—Luke 11: 9, 10-13.

Is his mercy clean gone for ever? doth his promise fail for evermore? Hath God forgotten to be gracious? hath he in anger shut up his tender mercies?—Psa. 77: 8, 9.

The Lord shall comfort Zion: He will comfort all her waste places; and He will make her wilderness like Eden, and her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness shall be found therein, thanksgiving, and the voice of melody.—Isa. 51: 3.

The Child's Cry In Penitence and the Father's Answer By For- giveness

Depart from me; for I am a sinful man, O Lord.—Luke 5:8.

Repent!—Matt. 4:17.

The goodness of God leadeth thee to repentance.—Rom. 2:4.

Come now, and let us reason together, saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool.—Isa. 1:18.

Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world!—John 1:29.

Your sins are forgiven you for His name's sake.—1 John 2:12.

For I will declare mine iniquity; I will be sorry for my sin.—Psa. 38:18.

He that covereth his sins shall not prosper: but whoso confesseth and forsaketh them shall have mercy.—Prov. 28:13.

In whom [Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of his grace.—Eph. 1:7.

As far as the east is from the west, so far hath He removed our transgressions from us.—Psa. 103:12.

Wherefore I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes.—Job 42:6.

Jesus . . . said, . . . Son, be of good cheer; thy sins be forgiven thee.—Matt. 9:2.

Through this man is preached unto you the forgiveness of sins.—Acts 13:38.

Who is a God like unto Thee, that pardoneth iniquity, and passeth by the transgression of the remnant of his heritage? He retaineth not his anger for ever, because He delighteth in mercy.—Micah 7:18.

For thy name's sake, O Lord, pardon mine iniquity; for it is great.—Psa. 25:11.

Repent therefore of this thy wickedness, and pray God, if perhaps the thought of thine heart may be forgiven thee.—Acts 8:22.

Jesus . . . said unto them: I am not come to call the righteous, but sinners to repentance.—Matt. 9:12, 13.

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities.—Ps. 103:3.

And He spake this parable unto them, saying, What man of you, having a hundred sheep, if he lose one of them, doth not leave the ninety and nine in the wilderness, and go after that which is lost, until he find it? And when he hath found it, he layeth it on his shoulders, rejoicing. And when he cometh

home, he calleth together his friends and neighbors, saying unto them, Rejoice with me; for I have found my sheep which was lost. I say unto you, that likewise joy shall be in heaven over one sinner that repenteth, more than over ninety and nine just persons, which need no repentance.

Either what woman having ten pieces of silver, if she lose one piece, doth not light a candle, and sweep the house, and seek diligently till she find it? And when she hath found it, she calleth her friends and her neighbors together, saying, Rejoice with me; for I have found the piece which I had lost. Likewise, I say unto you, there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth.—Luke 15:3-10.

I acknowledged my sin unto Thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin.—Psa. 32:5.

Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven.—Psa. 32:1.

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.—1 John 1:9.

If ye forgive men their trespasses, your

Heavenly Father will also forgive you.—Matt. 6: 14.

For Thou, Lord, art good, and ready to forgive.—Psa. 86: 5.

Have mercy upon me, O God, according to thy loving-kindness; according unto the multitude of thy tender mercies blot out my transgressions.

Wash me thoroughly from mine iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin.

For I acknowledge my transgressions; and my sin is ever before me.

Against thee, thee only, have I sinned, and done this evil in thy sight: that thou mightest be justified when thou speakest, and be clear when thou judgest.

Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean: wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow.

Hide thy face from my sins, and blot out all mine iniquities.

Create in me a clean heart, O God; and renew a right spirit within me.—Psa. 51: 1-4, 7, 9, 10.

Repent, and turn yourselves from all your transgressions.—Ez. 18: 30.

Let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts: and let him return unto the Lord, and He will have mercy

upon him; and to our God, for He will abundantly pardon.—Isa. 55:7.

For I will be merciful to their unrighteousness, and their sins and their iniquities will I remember no more.—Heb. 8:12.

I, even I, am He that blotteth out thy transgressions for mine own sake, and will not remember thy sins.—Isa. 43:25.

And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you.—Eph. 4:32.

Forbearing one another and forgiving one another, if any man have a quarrel against any: even as Christ forgave you, so also do ye.—Col. 3:13.

Mine iniquities are gone over mine head: as a heavy burden they are too heavy for me.
—Psa. 38:4.

Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost.—Acts 2:38.

And He said, A certain man had two sons. And the younger of them said to his father, Father, give me the portion of goods that falleth to me. And he divided unto them his living.

And not many days after the younger son gathered all together, and took his journey into a far country, and there wasted his substance with riotous living. And when he had spent all, there arose a mighty famine in that land; and he began to be in want. And he went and joined himself to a citizen of that country; and he sent him into his fields to feed swine. And he would fain have filled his belly with the husks that the swine did eat; and no man gave unto him. And when he came to himself, he said, How many hired servants of my father's have bread enough and to spare, and I perish with hunger! I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son; make me as one of thy hired servants. And he arose, and came to his father.

But when he was yet a great way off, his father saw him, and had compassion, and ran, and fell on his neck, and kissed him.

And the son said unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and in thy sight, and am no more worthy to be called thy son.

But the father said to his servants, Bring forth the best robe, and put it on him; and put a ring on his hand, and shoes on his feet. And

bring hither the fatted calf, and kill it; and let us eat, and be merry: for this my son was dead, and is alive again; he was lost, and is found. And they began to be merry.—
Luke 15: 11-24.

It was meet that we should make merry and be glad: for this thy brother was dead, and is alive again; and was lost, and is found.—
Luke 15: 32.

And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with songs and everlasting joy upon their heads: they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.—Isa. 35: 10.

We have sinned with our fathers, we have committed iniquity, we have done wickedly.—Psa. 106: 6.

O Israel, thou shalt not be forgotten of me. I have blotted out, as a thick cloud, thy transgressions, and, as a cloud, thy sins: return unto me; for I have redeemed thee.—Isa. 44: 21, 22.

And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against Me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me.—Jer. 33: 8.

God was in Christ, reconciling the world



unto himself, not imputing their trespasses unto them.—2 Cor. 5: 19.

And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name Jesus: for he shall save his people from their sins.—Matt. 1: 21.

Him hath God exalted with his right hand to be a Prince and a Saviour, for to give repentance to Israel, and forgiveness of sins.—Acts 5: 31.

The Child's Gratitude to His Father

Gratitude Desired By the Father

Be ye thankful.—Col. 3: 15.

Sing unto the Lord with thanksgiving.—
Psa. 147: 7.

Give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.—Psa. 30: 4.

Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the Most High.—Psa. 50: 14.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto Him and bless his name.—Psa. 100: 4.

Oh that men would praise the Lord for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men! And let them sacrifice the sacrifices of thanksgiving, and declare his works with rejoicing.—Psa. 107: 21, 22.

And there met Him ten men that were lepers, . . . And they lifted up their voices, and said, Jesus, Master, have mercy on us. . . . And one of them, when he saw that he

was healed, turned back and with a loud voice glorified God, and fell down on his face at his feet, giving Him thanks: and he was a Samaritan. And Jesus . . . said, Were there not ten cleansed? but where are the nine? There are not found that returned to give glory to God, save this stranger.—Luke 17: 12-18.

And it shall be when thou art come in unto the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee for an inheritance, and possessest it, and dwellest therein; that thou shalt take of the first of all the fruit of the earth. . . . And thou shalt set it before the Lord thy God, and worship before the Lord thy God. And thou shalt rejoice in every good thing which the Lord thy God hath given unto thee and unto thine house, thou and the . . . stranger that is among you.—Deut. 26: 1, 2, 10, 11.

Jesus took the loaves; and when He had given thanks He distributed to the disciples.—John 6: 11.

And . . . as He sat at meat with them, He took bread and blessed it and brake and gave to them.—Luke 24: 30.

Whether therefore ye eat or drink or whatsoever ye do, do all to the glory of God.—1 Cor. 10: 31.

Whatsoever ye do in word or deed, do all

in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God and the Father by Him.—Col. 3:17.

In everything give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you.—1 Thess. 5:18.

Be careful for nothing; but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God.—Phil. 4:6.

Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.—Matt. 6:34.

Continue in prayer, and watch in the same with thanksgiving.—Col. 4:2.

As ye have therefore received Christ Jesus the Lord, so walk ye in Him: rooted and built up in Him, and established in the faith . . . abounding therein with thanksgiving.—Col. 2:6, 7.

O give thanks unto the Lord; for He is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of gods: for his mercy endureth forever.

O give thanks to the Lord of lords: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him who alone doeth great wonders: for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that by wisdom made the heavens :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that stretched out the earth above
the waters : for his mercy endureth for ever.

To Him that made great lights : for his
mercy endureth for ever :

The sun to rule by day : for his mercy en-
dureth for ever :

The moon and stars to rule by night : for
his mercy endureth for ever.

Who remembered us in our low estate : for
his mercy endureth for ever :

And hath redeemed us from our enemies :
for his mercy endureth for ever.

Who giveth food to all flesh : for his mercy
endureth for ever.

O give thanks unto the God of heaven : for
his mercy endureth for ever.—Psa. 136: 1-9,
23-26.

Gratitude Expressed By the Child

By Declaring the Father's Mercies

*I will declare what he hath done for my
soul.*—Psa. 66: 16.

He that is mighty hath done to me great
things.—Luke 1: 49.

Behold, God is my helper.—Psa. 54: 4.

Through God we shall do valiantly.—Psa. 108:13.

Hitherto hath the Lord helped us.—1 Sam. 7:12.

Thine anger is turned away, and Thou comfortedst me.—Isa. 12:1.

How hast thou helped him that is without power? how savest thou the arm that hath no strength?—Job 26:2.

Thou, Lord, hast holpen me, and comforted me.—Psa. 86:17.

I was brought low, and He helped me.—Psa. 116:6.

Thou broughtest us out into a wealthy place.—Psa. 66:12.

Though a host should encamp against me, my heart shall not fear.—Psa. 27:3.

I sought the Lord, and He heard me, and delivered me from all my fears. They looked unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed. This poor man cried, and the Lord heard him, and saved him out of all his troubles. The Angel of the Lord encampeth round about them that fear Him and delivereth them.—Psa. 34:4-7.

I called upon the Lord in distress: the Lord answered me, and set me in a large place. The Lord is on my side; I will not fear: What can man do unto me? I will praise

Thee: for Thou hast heard me and art become my salvation.—Psa. 118: 5, 6, 21.

O Lord, my God, I cried unto Thee, and Thou hast healed me. O Lord, thou hast brought up my soul from the grave: Thou hast kept me alive, that I should not go down to the pit.—Psa. 30: 2, 3.

In the multitude of my thoughts within me thy comforts delight my soul.—Psa. 94: 19.

Though I walk in the midst of trouble, Thou wilt revive me.—Psa. 138: 7.

The Lord hath heard the voice of my weeping. The Lord hath heard my supplication; the Lord will receive my prayer.—Psa. 6: 8, 9.

When my soul fainted within me I remembered the Lord: and my prayer came in unto Thee, into thine holy temple.—Jonah 2: 7.

When my spirit was overwhelmed within me, then Thou knewest my path.—Psa. 142: 3.

I cried unto the Lord with my voice, and He heard me out of his holy hill. I laid me down and slept; I awaked; for the Lord sustained me.—Psa. 3: 4, 5.

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined unto me and heard my cry. He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, and set my feet upon a rock, and established my goings.—Psa. 40: 1, 2.

Verily God hath heard me; He hath at-

tended to the voice of my prayer. Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer nor his mercy from me.—Psa. 66: 19, 20.

In the day when I cried Thou answeredst me and strengthenedst me with strength in my soul.—Psa. 138: 3.

I love the Lord, because He hath heard my voice and my supplications. Because He hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon Him as long as I live.—Psa. 116: 1, 2.

What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me? I will take the cup of salvation and call upon the name of the Lord. I will pay my vows unto the Lord now in the presence of all his people.—Psa. 116: 12-14.

I will remember the years of the right hand of the Most High.—Psa. 77: 10.

Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God.—2 Cor. 1: 4.

I will mention the loving-kindness of the Lord, and the praises of the Lord, according to all that the Lord hath bestowed upon us.—Isa. 63: 7.

I will make an altar unto God, who answered me in the day of my distress, and was

with me in the way which I went.—Gen. 35:3.

Return unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For Thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.—Psa. 116:7, 8.

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace, according to thy word: for mine eyes have seen thy salvation which thou hast prepared before the face of all people: a light to lighten the Gentiles, and the glory of thy people Israel.—Luke 2:29-32.

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?—Psa. 27:1.

By Thanking the Father

O Lord, my God, I will give thanks unto thee for ever.—Psa. 30:12.

Unto Thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto Thee do we give thanks: for that thy name is near thy wondrous works declare.—Psa. 75:1.

Thou hast loosed my bonds. I will offer to Thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving.—Psa. 116:16, 17.

At midnight I will rise to give thanks unto Thee because of thy righteous judgments.—Psa. 119:62.

I will wash mine hands in innocency: so will I compass thine altar, O Lord: that I may publish with the voice of thanksgiving, and tell of all thy wondrous works.—Psa. 26: 6, 7.

I will give Thee thanks in the great congregation: I will praise Thee among much people.—Psa. 35: 18.

I thank Thee and praise Thee, O thou God of my fathers, who hast given me wisdom and might and hast made known unto me now what we desired of Thee.—Dan. 2: 23.

Father, I thank Thee that Thou hast heard me.—John 11: 41.

We do not cease to pray, . . . giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light: who hath delivered us from the power of darkness and hath translated us into the kingdom of his dear Son.—Col. 1: 9, 12, 13.

Thanks be unto God for his unspeakable gift.—2 Cor. 9: 15.

Thanks be to God, who giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.—1 Cor. 15: 57.

Thanks be unto God, which always causeth us to triumph in Christ.—2 Cor. 2: 14.

By Praising the Father

I will praise thee, O Lord, with my whole heart.—Psa. 9: 1.

I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good.—Psa. 54: 6.

I will praise Thee; for I am fearfully and wonderfully made: marvellous are thy works; and that my soul knoweth right well.—Psa. 139: 14.

My praise shall be continually of Thee. Let my mouth be filled with thy praise and with thy honor all the day.—Psa. 71: 6, 8.

I will sing unto the Lord so long as I live: I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.—Psa. 104: 33.

I will praise thy name for thy loving kindness and for thy truth.—Psa. 138: 2.

I will sing unto the Lord, because he hath dealt bountifully with me.—Psa. 13: 6.

I will sing of the mercies of the Lord for ever: with my mouth will I make known thy faithfulness to all generations.—Psa. 89: 1.

The Lord will command his loving-kindness in the daytime, and in the night his song shall be with me, and my prayer unto the God of my life.—Psa. 42: 8.

He hath put a new song in my mouth, even praise unto our God.—Psa. 40: 3.

I will sing a new song unto Thee, O God.
—Psa. 144: 9.

O sing unto the Lord a new song; for He hath done marvellous things: His right hand and his holy arm hath gotten Him the victory.
—Psa. 98: 1.

In God we boast all the day long, and praise thy name for ever.—Psa. 44: 8.

I will praise Thee, O Lord, among the people.—Psa. 108: 3.

My praise shall be of Thee in the great congregation.—Psa. 22: 25.

I will praise Thee with my whole heart.
. . . I will worship toward thy holy temple and praise thy name for thy loving-kindness and for thy truth.—Psa. 138: 1, 2.

Sing unto the Lord, O ye saints of his, and give thanks at the remembrance of his holiness.—Psa. 30: 4.

Praise the Lord; for the Lord is good: sing praises unto his name.—Psa. 135: 3.

Praise ye the Lord: for it is good to sing praises unto our God; for it is pleasant and praise is comely.—Psa. 147: 1.

Sing forth the honor of his name; make his praise glorious.—Psa. 66: 2.

Unto thee, O my strength, will I sing.—
Psa. 59: 17.

Sing aloud unto God our strength.—Psa.
81: 1.

By Blessing the Father

Bless thou the Lord, O my soul.—Psa.
104: 35.

I will bless the Lord at all times: his praise shall continually be in my mouth.—Psa. 34: 1.

Every day will I bless thee; and I will praise thy name for ever and ever.—Psa.
145: 2.

Blessed be the Lord, who daily loadeth us with benefits, even the God of our salvation.—Psa. 68: 19.

Bless the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits; who forgiveth all thine iniquities; who healeth all thy diseases; who redeemeth thy life from destruction; who crowneth thee with loving-kindness and tender mercies; who satisfieth thy mouth with good things.—Psa.
103: 1-5.

Blessed be God, which hath not turned away my prayer nor his mercy from me.—Psa. 66: 20.

Blessed be the Lord, because He hath heard the voice of my supplications. The Lord is my strength and my shield; my heart trusted

in Him, and I am helped: therefore my heart greatly rejoiceth, and with my song will I praise Him.—Psa. 28:6-7.

I will bless the Lord, who hath given me counsel.—Psa. 16:7.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who hath blessed us with all spiritual blessings in heavenly places in Christ.—Eph. 1:3.

Thus will I bless thee while I live.—Psa. 63:4.

We will bless the Lord from this time forth and for ever more.—Psa. 115:18.

Blessed be the Lord God of Israel from everlasting and to everlasting.—Psa. 41:13.

Blessed be the Lord God, the God of Israel, who only doeth wondrous things. And blessed be his glorious name for ever: and let the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.—Psa. 72:18, 19.

By Rejoicing in the Father

I will be glad and rejoice in thee.—Psa. 9:2.

My spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.—Luke 1:17.

Because thou hast been my help, therefore in the shadow of thy wings will I rejoice.—Psa. 63:7.

I will be glad and rejoice in thy mercy: for

Thou hast considered my trouble; Thou hast known my soul in adversities.—Psa. 31:7.

I have set the Lord always before me: because he is at my right hand, I shall not be moved. Therefore my heart is glad, and my glory rejoiceth: my flesh also shall rest in hope. For Thou wilt not leave my soul in hell; neither wilt Thou suffer thine Holy One to see corruption. Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore.—Psa. 16:8-11.

And it shall be said in that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for Him, and He will save us: this is the Lord; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.—Isa. 25:9.

I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my soul shall be joyful in my God; for He hath clothed me with the garments of salvation, he hath covered me with the robe of righteousness.—Isa. 61:10.

For in the time of trouble He shall hide me in his pavilion: in the secret of his tabernacle shall He hide me; He shall set me up upon a rock.—Psa. 27:5.

My meditation of Him shall be sweet: I will be glad in the Lord.—Psa. 104:34.

I have rejoiced in the way of thy testi-

monies as much as in all riches. I rejoice at thy word as one that findeth great spoil.—Psa. 119: 14, 162.

In God have I put my trust: I will not be afraid what man can do unto me.—Psa. 56: 11.

Be glad in the Lord, and rejoice, ye righteous: and shout for joy, all ye that are upright in heart.—Psa. 32: 11.

Let the righteous be glad; let them rejoice before God: yea, let them exceedingly rejoice.—Psa. 68: 3.

Let all those that put their trust in Thee rejoice: let them ever shout for joy because Thou defendest them: let them also that love thy name be joyful in Thee.—Psa. 5: 11.

Blessed is the people that know the joyful sound: they shall walk, O Lord, in the light of thy countenance. In thy name shall they rejoice all the day.—Psa. 89: 15, 16.

Sing, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel; be glad and rejoice with all thy heart, O daughter of Jerusalem. The King of Israel, even the Lord, is in the midst of thee: thou shalt not see evil any more.—Zeph. 3: 14, 15.

Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven.—Matt. 5: 12.

Alleluia: for the Lord God omnipotent

reigneth. Let us be glad and rejoice, and give honor to Him.—Rev. 19:6, 7.

Rejoice in the Lord always: and again I say, rejoice.—Phil. 4:4.

Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands.

Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing.

Know ye that the Lord He is God: it is He that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto Him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations.—Psa. 100.

Although the fig tree shall not blossom, neither shall fruit be in the vines; the labor of the olive shall fail, and the fields shall yield no meat; the flock shall be cut off from the fold, and there shall be no herd in the stalls:

Yet I will rejoice in the Lord, I will joy in the God of my salvation.—Habakkuk 3:17, 18.

This is my comfort in my affliction: for thy word hath quickened me. I remembered thy judgments of old, O Lord, and have comforted myself.—Psa. 119:50, 52.

By Magnifying the Father

My soul doth magnify the Lord.—Luke 1:46.

I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify Him with thanksgiving.—Psa. 69:30.

I will extol Thee, O Lord; for Thou hast lifted me up.—Psa. 30:1.

The Lord is my strength and song, and He is become my salvation: He is my God, and I will prepare Him a habitation; my father's God, and I will exalt Him.—Exodus 15:2.

O Lord, thou art my God; I will exalt Thee, I will praise thy name; for Thou hast done wonderful things; thy counsels of old are faithfulness and truth.—Isa. 25:1.

O magnify the Lord with me, and let us exalt his name together.—Psa. 34:3.

Let such as love thy salvation say continually, The Lord be magnified.—Psa. 40:16.

Let the Lord be magnified, which hath pleasure in the prosperity of his servant.—Psa. 35:27.

Who is so great a god as our God?—Psa. 77:13.

Thou art great, O Lord God: for there is none like Thee, neither is there any God besides thee.—2 Sam. 7:22.

Great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised ;
and his greatness is unsearchable.—Psa.
145 : 3.

Be thou exalted, O God, above the heavens :
let thy glory be above all the earth.—Psa.
57 : 11.

The Lord our God is holy.—Psa. 99 : 9.

The Lord of hosts shall be exalted in judgment, and God that is holy shall be sanctified in righteousness.—Isa. 5 : 16.

I will call on the Lord, who is worthy to be praised.—2 Sam. 22 : 4.

Great and marvellous are thy works, Lord God Almighty : just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints.—Rev. 15 : 3.

Thou art worthy, O God, to receive glory and honor and power ; for Thou hast created all things, and for thy pleasure they are and were created.—Rev. 4 : 11.

Lo, this is our God : we have waited for Him, and He will save us : this is the Lord ; we have waited for Him, we will be glad and rejoice in his salvation.—Isa. 25 : 9.

Now unto Him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy ; to the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever.—Jude 24, 25.

Now unto Him that is able to do exceeding

abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us; unto Him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.—Eph. 3:20, 21.

The God of all grace, who hath called us unto his eternal glory by Christ Jesus, after that ye have suffered a while, make you perfect, stablish, strengthen, settle you. To Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.—1 Peter 5:10, 11.

Unto Him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood, and hath made us kings and priests unto God and his Father; to Him be glory and dominion for ever and ever.—Rev. 1:5, 6.

The blessed and only Potentate, the King of kings, and Lord of lords: who only hath immortality, dwelling in the light which no man can approach unto; whom no man hath seen, nor can see: to whom be honor and power everlasting.—1 Tim. 6:15, 16.

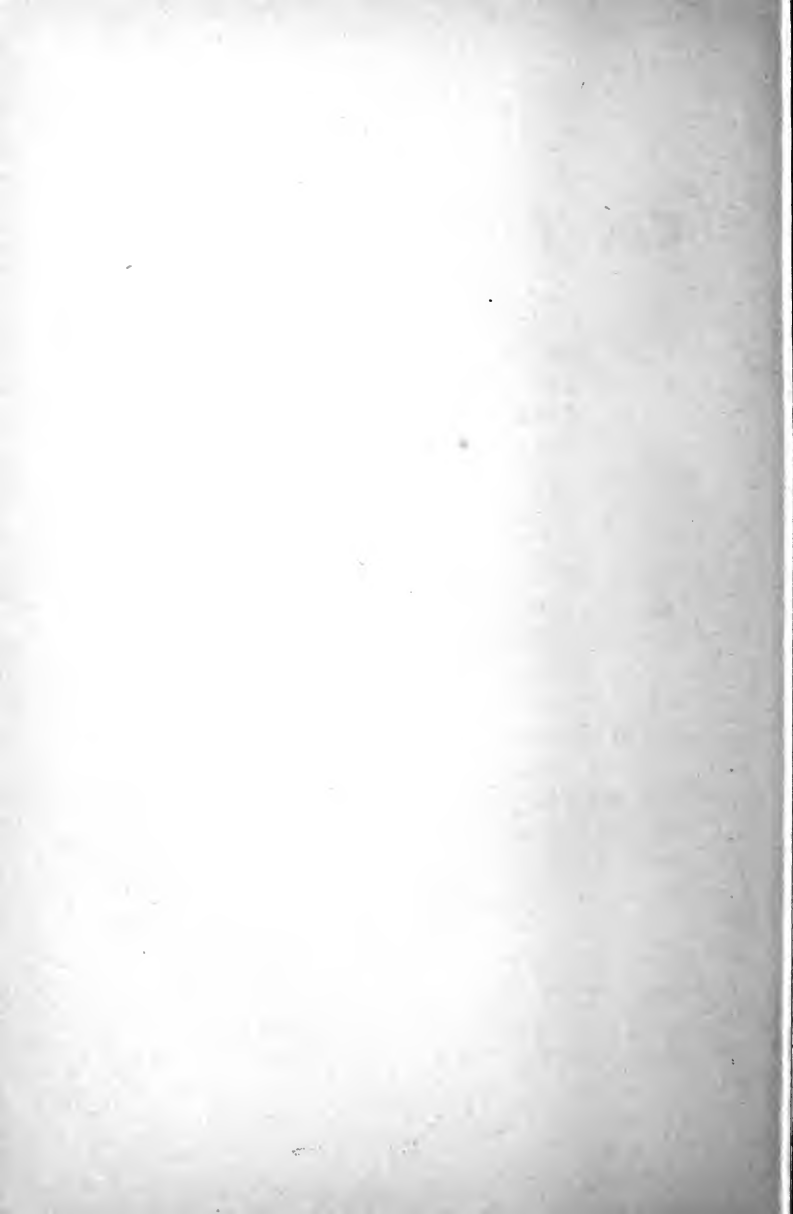
Blessing and honor and glory and power be unto Him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb for ever and ever.—Rev. 5:13.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.—Rev. 7:12.

Thus saith the high and lofty One that inhabiteth eternity, whose name is Holy ; I dwell in the high and holy place, with him also that is of a contrite and humble spirit, to revive the spirit of the humble, and to revive the heart of the contrite ones.—Isa. 57 : 15.

Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good-will toward men.—Luke 2 : 14.

**The Father's Home
for His Child**



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The gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.—Rom. 6:23.

This is the promise that he hath promised us, even eternal life.—1 John 2:25.

Verily, verily, I say unto you, He that believeth on me hath everlasting life.—John 6:47.

God hath given to us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. That ye may know that ye have eternal life.—1 John 5:11, 13.

And this is life eternal, that they might know Thee the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom Thou hast sent.—John 17:3.

Jesus said unto her, I am the resurrection and the life: he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live. And whosoever liveth and believeth in Me shall never die.—John 11:25-26.

And Jesus said unto him, Verily I say unto thee, To-day shalt thou be with Me in paradise.—Luke 23:43.

In my Father's house are many mansions: if it were not so, I would have told you. I

go to prepare a place for you. And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again, and receive you unto myself; that where I am, there ye may be also.—John 14: 2, 3.

For we know that, if our earthly house of this tabernacle were dissolved, we have a building of God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens.

For in this we groan, earnestly desiring to be clothed upon with our house which is from heaven:

If so be that being clothed we shall not be found naked.

For we that are in this tabernacle do groan, being burdened: not for that we would be unclothed, but clothed upon, that mortality might be swallowed up of life.

Now He that hath wrought us for the self-same thing is God, who also hath given unto us the earnest of the Spirit. Therefore we are always confident, knowing that, whilst we are at home in the body we are absent from the Lord:

(For we walk by faith, not by sight:)

We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord.—2 Cor. 5: 1-8.

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and He will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

And I saw no temple therein: for the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are the temple of it.

And the city had no need of the sun, neither of the moon, to shine in it: for the glory of God did lighten it, and the Lamb is the light thereof.

And the nations of them which are saved shall walk in the light of it: and the kings of the earth do bring their glory and honor into it.

And the gates of it shall not be shut at all by day: for there shall be no night there.

And they shall bring the glory and honor of the nations into it.

And there shall in no wise enter into it any-

thing that defileth, neither whatsoever worketh abomination or maketh a lie: but they which are written in the Lamb's book of life.—Rev. 21: 1-4, 22-27.

And he shewed me a pure river of water of life, clear as crystal, proceeding out of the throne of God and of the Lamb. In the midst of the street of it, and on either side of the river, was there the tree of life, which bare twelve manner of fruits, and yielded her fruit every month: and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations:

And there shall be no more curse: but the throne of God and of the Lamb shall be in it; and his servants shall serve Him: and they shall see his face; and his name shall be in their foreheads.

And there shall be no night there; and they need no candle, neither light of the sun; for the Lord God giveth them light: and they shall reign for ever and ever.—Rev. 22: 1-5.

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, which according to his abundant mercy hath begotten us again unto a lively hope by the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

To an inheritance incorruptible, and undefiled, and that fadeth not away, reserved in heaven for you,

Who are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.—1 Pet. 1:3-5.

For which cause we faint not; but though our outward man perish, yet the inward man is renewed day by day.

For our light affliction, which is but for a moment, worketh for us a far more exceeding and eternal weight of glory;

While we look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen: for the things which are seen are temporal; but the things which are not seen are eternal.—2 Cor. 4:16-18.





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